

the income and expenditure with that of the previous year. From the former it appeared that the number of missionary pastors and evangelists employed had been 53. This year the Colonial Missionary Society of England will aid the fund to the extent of probably £250 sterling, and in time to come that Society will supplement the funds raised in this country by a grant equal to twenty per cent. of the sums thus raised. In the Western Ontario district \$847 had been raised for the Society, and \$2,067 expended. In the Central district \$1,150 had been raised, and \$1,661 expended; in the Eastern district, \$725 had been raised and \$1,110 expended; in Quebec district \$873 were raised, and \$615 expended; in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick district, \$1,008 were raised, and \$1,573 expended. About \$600 was on hand towards meeting the demands of the next quarter. These amounts were slightly changed by subscriptions handed in after the accounts were closed, but were not materially altered.

The Home Secretary also presented a Report of his labours during the year, from which it appears that in addition to the editing of the *CANADIAN INDEPENDENT* and the *Congregational Year Book*, conducting a voluminous correspondence with the churches, and transacting the business of the Book Room, he had spent thirty-three Sabbaths away from home, chiefly in the service of the Mission churches, had preached seventeen Sabbaths in Toronto, and had travelled over 9,000 miles directly in the service of the Society.

On motion, both these reports were adopted, and ordered to be published under direction of the Committee.

The General Committee for 1876-7 was then elected, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. W. H. Allworth, Sanders, Man-
chee, Unsworth, Dickson, Jackson, Fenwick, Reikie, Sanderson, Mackay, Stevenson, Williams, A. Duff, Powis, and Alexander McGregor, and Messrs. W. E. Welding, S. Hodgskin, Jas. Smith, G. Haguc, G. S. Fenwick, T. Robertson, C. R. Black, Hon. J. G. Robertson, M. P. P., together with

The Rev. Dr. Wilkes, Gen. Secretary-Treasurer; and

The Rev. John Wood, Home Secretary.

At a subsequent meeting the District Committees were severally elected, with the following gentlemen as Secretaries: Western Ontario, Rev. H. Sanders, Hamilton; Central Ontario, Rev. J. Unsworth, Georgetown; Eastern Ontario, George S. Fenwick, Esq., Kingston; Quebec District, Rev. A. Duff, Sherbrooke; and C. R. Black, Secretary for Montreal Branch; Nova Scotia and New Brunswick District, Rev. Alex. McGregor, Yarmouth, N.S.

The Annual Public Meeting of the Missionary Society was held in Zion Church the same evening, at eight o'clock, the Hon. J. G. Robertson in the chair. After a brief service of prayer and praise, the Chairman called on the Rev. Dr. Clark, of Boston, one of the Secretaries of the American Board for Foreign Missions, to address the meeting.

Seventy-five years ago, said Dr. Clark, all the converts among the heathen could have been assembled in Zion Church—now they had half a million of Church members, and several millions of hearers from among them. The American Board liked to thoroughly man their stations—say three men to each place. The Apostles did not remain in Judea, much as they loved their country, and we cannot wait till all the Christian work is done up and finished at home before we go to the nations in darkness. We send out everywhere a few men and women to raise up a native ministry for their countrymen. Their Board had 230 churches, and 100 of them are independent and self-supporting churches, leaving us free to send our men and money to China, Japan and other lands. Last year the Board spent \$116,000 on missions to British territory in the East. He thought he might very properly appeal, therefore, to the British public for more means to carry on this work. Their men in Asia just managed to live on the \$700 or \$800, and they had been trying to cut them down 20 per cent. They collected in small sums and disbursed half a million dollars at a cost of seven cents and two mills on the dollar, and