

couragement which they require. It would be well if a suitable man could be found, to send him there for a lengthened period.

In taking a review of the whole interests committed to their care, the committee see reason to be thankful to God for the past, and hopeful for the future. The church is evidently making progress. Resignations on account of inadequate support are becoming less frequent. Weak congregations are gathering strength. New congregations are being formed, and settlements long neglected are being overtaken. The supply of labourers is becoming more nearly commensurate with our wants. The liberality of our people is becoming better developed.

At the same time the Committee desiderate, greater care on the part of Presbyteries before drawing on the funds of the church, and more steady efforts to secure contributions and stir up congregations to a sense of their duty. Let every minister feel that he has an interest in sustaining the Committee in its operations and lend a helping hand. The Committee would also ask for more full information on all matters of interest, and the regular transmission of such intelligence for publication. Too often even matters affecting the work of the Committee are not officially reported; but left to be found out by accident, or verbally stated by some person who happens to know the facts. This should not be; and the representatives of Presbyteries are particularly requested not to overlook this suggestion.

The attention of the Synod is respectfully directed to a few points.

1. Something should be done *at once* to prevent the accumulation of arrears in supplemented congregations. What steps may be necessary Presbyteries must decide; but no minister should be allowed to remain in a place where, for any reason, the people neglect the duty of contributing, as the Lord enables them, for his support.

2. The Synod will render assistance to the Committee, if it will give instructions whether expenses incurred by Presbyteries in doing mission work within their bounds, are to be defrayed from the Central Fund, or from a separate fund to be raised by each Presbytery.

3. The Committee beg of the Synod to enjoin Presbyteries to take decided and prompt action in reference to congregations and stations within their bounds, which either neglect to send contribution to the Fund, or contribute inadequately.

4. The Committee requests the Synod to repeat the instructions of last year to the effect, that the names of students who may be licensed during the summer, and ministers or probationers who may be received after this Synod, be not put on the roll of probationers till October next, but that these men continue to labour in the Mission Field all that time.

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