

had greater knowledge of the state and prospects of the vacancies of the church; and perhaps, would have been furnished with some interesting facts which would have relieved this Report from the somewhat repulsive aspect of being little more than a statistical detail.

Mr. Frazer, Catechist, appears to be still prosecuting his labours with efficiency in the bounds of the London Presbytery. Two reports, each for half-a-year, have been received from him since your last meeting. For the first half-year his receipts were £4 15s., leaving a balance of £17 15s.: and for the second half-year, his receipts were £10 5s., leaving a balance of £12 15s.: his total receipts for the year have therefore been £15, so that he has drawn £30 from the Fund. The Committee have never abated their estimate of the personal worth of Mr. Frazer, of his piety and zeal in the cause of the great God, even our Saviour; of his fitness for usefulness in the work to which he earnestly and self-denyingly devotes himself, nor of the good effects of his labours,—effects which we apprehend are visible now, and will continue to be visible long hence in the state and history of our Zion, and which shall be witnessed unto eternity.

Under the head of "General Business," the Committee might have reported on several matters which have engaged their attention, and some of which have caused them no small measure of trouble. They have endeavoured to deal with them honestly, in the spirit of kindness, and in accordance with the laws of Synod, so far as there were any applicable. We have referred to one peculiar case; there is another which we hoped would have been settled before this, but it is still under consideration.

Your Committee will conclude with bringing before your venerable Court a matter which has engaged their attention, and which they commend to your careful deliberation, in which they pray that you may be guided by the spirit of Christ. You need not be reminded of the action taken by the Board of Missions in Scotland altering the terms on which missionaries had been sent out to Canada. As might have been expected that step has interfered with the supply of labourers from the old country, and the church in the Province does not appear to have arrived at such a state of Christian fervour and devotion as to be able or disposed to furnish from her own ranks, men of talent, piety and education to occupy the watch-towers on Zion's walls. Nor is the stipend usually paid by congregations, or, at all events guaranteed by the Synod, such as to act as an inducement either for young men in the country to give themselves to to the work of the ministry, or for those who have completed their studies in the Halls of the old country to come over and help us in Canada. What, then, should the church do in the circumstances? How shall she procure labourers to enter upon the fields of usefulness that are already ripe to the harvest? Occupy the vacancies that exist or break up the fallow-ground which still lies uncultivated? Your Committee think that, *First*, those congregations which have been supplemented for a time should have the law strictly enforced to require their Pastors to perform missionary labour in proportion