

generally favourable to the establishment of a missionary among them. Shortly after, the Rev. J. I. Dunlop arrived in this province, and, as an eminently suitable person, was engaged to labour among the people of Shediach. He has since been employed there with, your committee believe, excellent results. We believe that nothing should deter the Synod from endeavouring to establish a permanent missionary station at Shediach. It is a rising and rapidly increasing village. At the same time, should a missionary be established there, great efforts will require to be made to increase the Home Mission funds.

Your committee regret that intimation has been received by the Convener to the effect that the donation given by the Irish Church will likely be withdrawn, though it is to be hoped that the Convener's remonstrance sent forward may yet have the effect of procuring its continuance. Still, the Synod must in the meantime look to the prospect that we may be cast on our own resources for missionary operations, at least for the present. Appended to this report is a financial statement of receipts and expenditure, from which it appears that, after liquidating present liabilities, the Home Mission Committee have only to look with certainty to the congregational collections of the present year for means to carry on their operations. These were more than swallowed up last year by claims for special missionary labour. Reverting to Shediach, the people there sent a memorial to the Home Mission Committee, praying that Mr. Dunlop might be continued among them, and promising to contribute to his support to the amount of \$170. Your Committee would say that, if possible, the mission at Shediach ought to be supported; but stringent measures alone will raise the funds required. The principal points on which Synod will require to decide are:

- 1st. How to raise the necessary funds.
- 2d. Where missionaries should be located during the present year.

Herewith is submitted a treasurer's account of the Fund.

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