

4. The half yearly reports of Presbyteries will be received, and payment ordered of all claims which are approved by the Committee.

5. The missionaries at the disposal of the Committee will be distributed for the next half year.

In view of the above action, Blank Schedules will be sent to Presbytery Clerks to be filled in, giving the necessary information relative to the Mission Stations and Weak Congregations. In case of any change being made from the statements furnished last year, or applications for new Stations or Congregations being put upon the Home Mission Lists, *extract minutes* if the action of the Presbytery are required.

These Schedules ought to be returned filled up, before the end of September, to Rev. J. M. King, Toronto. Blank Forms for the Reports of Presbyteries will also be provided, and it is particularly requested that these reports be as full as possible, so that any increase or decrease in Stations and Congregations may be discerned.

N.B. No money will be paid to missionaries without the Report of Presbyteries.

All Communications should meanwhile be addressed to Rev. J. M. King, Toronto, who, in the Convener's absence, has kindly consented to attend to the business of the Committee.

THE LATE MEETING OF SYNOD.

We give elsewhere a pretty full account of the proceedings of Synod. Although at the time when it met, intense excitement prevailed, not only in the cities, but throughout the whole country, it was a matter of thanksgiving that so many both of the ministers and elders were able to be present, and that so much attention was given to the important work of the Church. As manifested particularly in connexion with the proposal to draw up an address to the Queen, and also to the Governor General, the feeling of the Synod was thoroughly decided and enthusiastic with reference to the state of the country, and the necessity of its defence from the inroads of the wicked and unreasonable men, who have been disturbing the Province. Fervent prayers were offered for the protection of the Almighty, for His blessing on our Queen and rulers, for His presence with those called upon to defend their country and homes, and for the comforts and consolations of His Spirit for those who have been called upon to mourn the sudden and violent death of near and dear friends. We rejoice to think that not only in the Synod but throughout the country, there is but one feeling in regard to this matter. We do not believe that, on any previous occasion in the history of Canada, there ever was such entire unity and such hearty loyalty as at the present time.

Several things in the proceedings of Synod are worthy of notice, although we have but little space for any remarks. The cordiality manifested in the appointment of a Professor in Knox College, and the desire so generally expressed to have the college placed in an efficient and unencumbered position, give good promise as to the future of this nursery of the Church. The harmony in the matter of the appointment of a missionary to the South Sea Islands, and the high character of the missionary selected lead us to anticipate a great advance in missionary spirit and liberality. In addition to this, we may state that the very important subject of Home Mission operations seems in the fair way of obtaining that prominence and that success which it is entitled to command. We might refer also to the fact that at the late Synod we have received among others, as ministers of the Church, one who had been in the high position in the church of Rome,—another who for years was