

Official.

MISSIONARY FUNDS WANTED EARLY.

The following Minute, adopted August 15th, on the report of the Rev. J. L. Poore to the Colonial Missionary Committee in London, will be of interest to the friends of our Mission :

The Committee having met to receive the report of Mr. Poore's visits to the Churches and Mission Stations of the B.N.A. Provinces, unanimously adopted the following resolutions :

"That the Committee tenders its cordial thanks to the Secretary for the interesting report of his labours in Canada and the Lower Provinces, and for the efficient manner in which the duties of his important and delicate mission were discharged.

"It records its gratitude to the God of all grace for the safety and health vouchsafed to Mr. Poore during his voyage and travels, and for the favorable reception accorded to him by the Churches and Pastors in the Colonies he visited.

"The Committee also expresses its hope that the new arrangements proposed by this Society, and so cordially entered into and adopted by the B. N. A. Missionary Society, will inaugurate a new era in the history of the Mission, by promoting the more complete independency of the Churches, and by extending the gospel of Christ to remoter districts, into which at present the Missions of this Society have not penetrated."

As General Secretary Treasurer, I feel some anxiety in regard to the next two quarters' payments. I have already drawn and expended three-fourths of the Society's grant of £500 sterling; the last fourth will be drawn at the end of December; but it will not nearly pay one half the sums then due to the Missionary Pastors. The balance must be supplied by collections before January 1, and the whole of the April payments will have to be provided in the same way. This is mentioned in order to stimulate the Committees and the Churches to liberality and promptitude of action. The harvest has been most bountiful, prices are high, and there is an exhaustive demand for whatever the earth has produced, so that contributions may in most instances be doubled in amount, if only there be a willing mind. *Promptitude*, moreover, is in these circumstances very important. Not only do we now *close our accounts on the 1st of April*, but a considerable sum must be in my hands by the 1st of January, or I shall not have wherewith to remit to the brethren at that date.

According to the new arrangement, I suppose it will be proper to have the December reports as well as the April ones sent to the District Secretaries, as they will henceforth prepare the reports of their districts to be inserted in the general annual report of the Society. Would it not be well that each District Secretary should prepare his annual report prior to the annual meeting, and himself read it there? It would give variety and interest to the reporting part of the annual business. Each report might contain suggestions for the future, as well as a narrative of the past.

I learn that, because of the contemplated removal of Mr. Barker to Nova Scotia, the Middle District Committee have appointed, until the next annual meeting of the Society, the Rev. Joseph Unsworth, Georgetown, C. W., Secretary for that District, to whom therefore communications are to be henceforward addressed.

Montreal, October 16, 1865.

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