

Official Notices.

HOME MISSION COLLECTION.

By appointment of Synod, Congregations and Mission Stations within the bounds of the Synod are required to take up a collection for Home Missions (unless the duty has already been attended to), on the third Sabbath of April. The claims of the Home Mission field are second to none in their importance, and it is hoped that no congregation will fail in its duty to a cause so intimately connected with the progress of the Church, and the spiritual interests of the Province. It should be borne in mind that in several of the Presbyteries there are congregations relying on aid from the Home Mission Fund. The Buxton mission, including the missionary and teacher, is also largely dependent on this Fund.

CLOSING OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH.

The accounts of the Church will be closed on the 30th April. This is absolutely necessary, in order that they may be audited and printed before the meeting of Synod. The attention of Ministers, Sessions, and Treasurers of congregations, is earnestly called to this notice.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL RETURNS.

Blank schedules for the Statistical and Financial Returns have been sent to the various congregations. In case of any minister not receiving a blank schedule, it may be obtained from the Presbytery Clerk, or from the Rev. W. Reid. The Congregational Returns should be sent to the Clerk of the Presbytery of the bounds, on or before 8th May. Attention is called to the following recommendation, adopted at last meeting of Synod:

"That as, owing to the increase of our Church, the labour of preparing the Statistics has become unusually great, and has been largely augmented by the dilatoriness of office-bearers in forwarding the returns, Presbyteries be enjoined to take the oversight of the work, to take order that a correct and complete return be prepared of each congregation within its bounds, and to deal as they in their wisdom may deem expedient, with such as fail to fill up the Schedule sent to them."

Home Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

TILSONBURGH.—The Rev. W. Richardson was on 3rd ult. ordained and inducted as pastor of the congregations of Tilsonburgh and Culloden.

CALEDONIA.—The congregation in Caledonia, vacant since the death of the late Rev. Dr. Ferrier, have given a cordial and an unanimous call to the Rev. T. Wilson, Probationer.

DETROIT.—REV. S. BALME. —On 24th December, the Rev. S. Balmer received from a few gentlemen, members of his congregation, three hundred dollars, with a note expressive of their attachment and esteem. (We regret that, through inadvertence, this generous act was not noticed in the *Record* at the proper time.—EDITOR.)