

From these figures which show that the balance on hand is \$1,418.87 less than last year, is evident that this Committee is not prepared to embark on any new missionary enterprise, unless there are either (1) arrangements made by which the work in British Columbia and Red River, which in its character is more nearly allied to Home than to Foreign Mission work, can be taken in the course of a year or two out of the hands of this Committee, and otherwise provided for; or (2,) there is such a large increase in the contributions of the Church as will enable the Committee to carry on the work which it has already on hand, and go forward also to occupy new fields for Christ. There is no reason why this latter alternative should not be that chosen. It certainly is not to the credit of a church which has nearly 300 Ministers on its Synod Roll, and about 45,000 communicants, and such a large proportion of the wealth of the country under its control, that it should allow its zeal for the conversion of pagan nations to be represented by a contribution of ten cents per member, and by a missionary staff of one ordained minister, in the whole heathen world.

There seems no reason why the contributions of the Churches for Foreign Missions should not at once be doubled, and that too without any diminution in the funds required for other departments of ecclesiastical work. Indeed your Committee are satisfied that the vigorous and earnest prosecution of the work of Foreign Missions will, by its reflex influence, through the Divine blessing, be the means of strengthening the piety and quickening the energies of the church for every form of the work. All of which is respectfully submitted

W. McLAREN, *Convener*.

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## Correspondence.

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### DEPUTATION TO THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

MY DEAR SIR:—Having been appointed along with the Rev. W. B. Clark, of Quebec, to visit the Synod of the Presbyterian Church, in the Lower Provinces, in behalf of the Canada Presbyterian Church, I have resolved to request the favour of a little space in the pages of the *Record*, for a brief statement of our proceedings in endeavouring to fulfil our commission. The Synod is no doubt the proper Court to which we have to render our account. But for so doing I don't think that I shall be held an offender, whilst a few words on the subject may not be altogether devoid of interest to many of your readers.

I may mention here that our estimable friend, Joseph McKay, Esq., of Montreal, kindly offered to accompany us. This was, I believe, out of the deep interest which he feels in the affairs of the Church, whilst we were all the better for his company, and for many useful services.

As the meeting of the Synod in Halifax had been fixed for the week after the close of ours, we had no time to lose in commencing our journey.

Accordingly leaving Montreal, on Monday, the 22nd June, we took the Gulf steamer "The Secret." on Tuesday from Quebec. For the benefit of any of our brethren who may be thinking of a visit to the Lower Provinces during the summer months, it is as well to state that the fare is very reasonable in the case of ministers. The proprietors allow them a privilege in this respect.

"The Secret" was built as a blockade runner during the American war, she is a steady, fast-going vessel: so that with an obliging, skilful captain, good weather on the whole, and intelligent fellow-passengers, we had a