

HOME MISSION.

The half-yearly meeting of the Home Mission Committee was held on the 3rd of October, in Knox's College, and the usual business was transacted. The lists of Mission Stations and supplemented congregations were revised in connection with the reports of Presbyteries. Among the changes made in the lists there is not a little to encourage. Several mission stations have become congregations, and in two or three instances no longer require aid. Some of the supplemented congregations have become self-sustaining, and the grants to others have been reduced. The Committee considered each individual case, and have endeavoured, wherever possible without injury to people or minister, to reduce the supplement, in the hope that most of the congregations aided, especially in the western parts of the Church, will become self-sustaining. A pleasing addition was also made to the number on both the Mission and Supplemented Lists.

The half-yearly reports of all the Presbyteries, except two, were presented and examined, and payment was ordered. The gross amount, exclusive of Montreal, was \$2440 64c. The amount ordered to be paid for supplemented congregations was \$2787, making a total claim of \$5227.64c. against the fund, besides the two Presbyteries not reported, and that of Montreal; while in the Treasurer's hands the amount was less than \$2,000. It is hoped that all interested will see the need of remitting as soon as possible their contributions, so that the Treasurer may be able to pay the supplements as ordered. It was, on motion of Mr. Kemp, duly seconded, resolved that deputations be appointed to visit the several distant Synods and bring the claims of the Home Mission before these courts. Also that deputations be appointed to visit the Presbyteries as set forth below, spending at least two days within the bounds, and addressing congregations, as may, by the respective Presbyteries be deemed for edification, and in such way as may by these Presbyteries be arranged:

To the Synod of Montreal.....	Rev. W. Moore.
“ “ Toronto.....	“ A. F. Kemp & D. Inglis.
“ “ Hamilton.....	“ J. Laing.
“ “ London.....	“ W. Gregg.
To the Presbytery of Montreal.....	“ J. Laing.
“ “ Ottawa.....	“ J. M. King.
“ “ Kingston.....	“ J. Burton.
“ “ Toronto.....	“ W. Cochrane.
“ “ Guelph.....	“ D. Waters.
“ “ London.....	“ D. Inglis.
“ “ Hamilton.....	“ W. Gregg.
“ “ Stratford.....	“ A. F. Kemp.

The lists of Missionaries and Probationers and vacancies were made out, and distribution was made. There were sixty-two vacancies reported, and twenty Probationers have their names on the list.

A conference was held with the Foreign Mission Committee in reference to British Columbia and Red River territory, but further consideration of the subject was postponed till the meeting in April.

J. LAING, *Convener.*