

their arrival here, and a suggestion from the Secretary that they also take part at least of their outfit and passage expenses.

With most of the Preachers' Reports sent in, your Committee must express themselves very well satisfied, while others of them are just as meager as they can possibly be. A considerable amount of valuable and interesting information is contained in the "Remarks" which some have seen proper to make, and it is only to be regretted that these have not been more numerous and extended. In order that your Committee may obtain a correct view of the Mission-field these Reports are necessary, and without them the Committee on Foreign Missions in Scotland cannot be furnished with information which they may desire to obtain, and for which a request is made in the papers we have just named. We may here observe that neither the Presbytery of Brant, nor of Canada East has sent in Reports by Preachers who have been employed in their bounds. We do not know the reason why they have failed to comply with the law of Synod.

Your Committee have endeavoured to carry out your appointment to make provision for the public Missionary meeting. In order that due time might be afforded, application was made in the early part of the year to three Ministers to deliver addresses, who, although none of them without hesitation, agreed to do so. A subject has been given to each of them, and it has been agreed and his recommended that they be taken in the following order:—Rev. Mr. Barrie on Canada as a Mission Field; the Rev. Mr. Gibson, of Owen Sound, on Missions contemplated chiefly from an old country stand-point; and Rev. Mr. Kennedy, of Dunbarton, on Personal recollections of Missionary Life and Labour. The first of these subjects was chosen on account of a want that has long been felt, namely, the omission of our adopted, or native land, as the case may be, in the Missionary Addresses that have been formerly delivered. It is expected that the second speaker will spread out before you the views and feelings and operations of the Church at home; while it has been considered as no more than due, to ask one who was long upon the field of Foreign service, and whose lot has since been cast, in the course of Divine Providence, in this land, to acquaint us with some of the incidents and dangers in which he has borne an active part in Trinidad.

Your Committee have only further to Report that in obedience to the Synod they have drafted a list of questions for collecting the statistics of Congregations. At the proper time these will be submitted.

ROBERT TORRANCE, *Convener.*

[No. III.]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNION.

To the Reverend the Moderator, and members of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, to meet at Hamilton on the first day of June, 1858.

The Committee on Union between this Church and the Presbyterian Church of Canada, appointed at last meeting of Synod, presents the following Report:—

A joint meeting of the Committees appointed by the Synod of this Church, and by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, was held in Knox's Church, Toronto, on the twentieth and twenty-first days of October, 1857, for the purpose of considering the application of the