

there would be little or no use in maintaining the external organization of congregations and missions, which would be only seeking to preserve a lifeless body without the animating spirit of Christianity. In submitting these observations to our brethren it must not, however, be forgotten that the means are necessary to the end to be accomplished, and that the ordinances of religion are the great instrumentality which the exalted Head of the Church has appointed for convincing and converting sinners, and for the confirmation of true believers. "For how shall they call on Him on whom they have not believed, and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent, as it is written, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things."

It only remains for us briefly to allude to the state of the funds of your Association for the past year. Although by no means ample, they have been found fully sufficient to meet all your existing obligations. Mr. Stewart has received his promised salary of £50, and other incidental expenses have been paid. Much credit is due to the ladies who have, with their well-known zeal and diligence, collected subscriptions from their friends in aid of your funds, and they are justly entitled to the cordial thanks of your Association. The subscription lists from the different Districts will appear in the Appendix, and an abstract from the Treasurer's account, which shews a considerable balance in your favor.

It is unnecessary for us to make any formal appeal for continued and enlarged contributions to the funds of your Association. There can be no doubt that the cause which we seek to advocate is truly noble and patriotic. The Report which we have now submitted speaks for itself, and we should hope will be satisfactory to every reader. We have endeavored to do our humble duty as entrusted with the management of your Missionary contributions, and we are fully convinced that you will not suffer such a valuable Institution as this—an Institution which has reduced within the space of two years, the expenditure of the Colonial Committee of the Parent Church within, the bounds of this Presbytery, from £235 to £140 or £150, without impairing the efficiency of any one of your Missions to languish for want of funds, and disappoint the fond expectations of the devoted friends of our Church, both in Scotland and Nova Scotia.

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