

come to hand. Any incidents of special interest which they contain, may hereafter be communicated. It is very desirable that the collection be taken up on the day appointed. In congregations where Missionary Associations have been formed it is hoped that a liberal appropriation will be made at as early a date as possible. Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes are earnestly asked to contribute. We would commend the workers and the work to the prayers and liberality of all our congregations.

R. F. BURNS, *Convener.*

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### THANKSGIVING DAY.

Thursday, 16th day of October, is the day appointed by the General Assembly as a day of thanksgiving for the favorable harvest, and for the blessings which, as a people, we enjoy. The day will be observed by the Protestant inhabitants of these Provinces generally; and we trust that, not merely in form, but in reality, it will be a day of thanksgiving to the Almighty and Gracious Author of all our mercies. There is much in connection with God's dealings with us during the past season that should call forth our gratitude to Him. The fears which were entertained, in the early part of summer as to the fruits of the earth, were soon dispelled. God gave us rain from heaven, and a fruitful season, filling our mouths with food and gladness. Pestilence has not been allowed to ravage our borders. Peace and quietness have prevailed in our land. Our work as a Church has been carried on, not without tokens of a blessing from the great Head of the Church; while our personal and domestic comforts have been continued, notwithstanding our great unworthiness. It is true, indeed, that there are many things amongst us that may well humble us in the sight of God. May we be led to penitence, confession, and reformation! But realizing our own unworthiness, and humbling ourselves before God on account of the sins with which we are chargeable, let us, as becomes us at such a season, with our souls and all within us, bless the name of God who hath hitherto been mindful of us, and who will bless us still. Let us remember also that a thank-offering at such a time is becoming. Let us honor the Lord with our substance, and with the first fruits of all our increase. We have His promise that an abundant blessing shall not be withheld from those who so honor Him.

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### HOME MISSION OPERATIONS OF THE CHURCH.

We published in last number of the *Record* the report of the Foreign Mission Committee. The report of the Home Mission Committee is too long for publication in our pages; but we wish to give the readers of the *Record* some idea of the work which we are called upon to carry on, and which is increasing and likely to increase from year to year. This can perhaps be best done by the following summaries, the first relating to the Mission Stations under the charge of the Committee, not yet in a self-sustaining position; and the second relating to the supplemented congregations; for both are connected in one scheme, and supported from our Home Mission Fund: