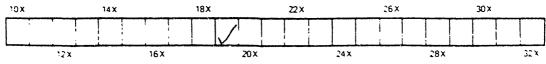
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COLLECTION FOR SYNOD FUND.

The annual collection for the Synod Fund is appointed to be taken up in the various Congregations of the Church on the third Sabbath of July. From this fund are payable the salaries of the officers of the Synod, the expenses of printing the minutes, and various charges of large amount in connection with the accommodation of members of Synod at the annual meeting. There are also, from year to year, other sums payable from the Synod Fund. Among other charges is the amount of \$100 annually on account of the Buxton Mission. From these considerations it will be seen that it is essential that every Congregation should contribute. No Congregation on the roll of Synod should feel itself exempted from the duty of taking its part in bearing all these common burders.

The collection is placed first on the list, as funds are required for the printing of the minutes, and other Synodical expenses. It is hoped that the collection will be duly attended to throughout the Church.

THE MINUTES OF SYNOD.

As usual, the Minutes will be distributed as soon as they are received from the Printe. Congregations or individuals requiring more than the usual number, are requested to send their orders in due season. Parcels for the several congregations will be sent to the clerks of Presbytories, who will oblige by distributing them as soon as possible.

NOTICE TO PRESBYTERIES AND PROBATIONERS.

The Synod, at its late meeting, adopted the following regulation with reference to the employment of Probationers and the supply of vacant congregations: "That the distribution of the Probationers be in the hands of the Home Mission Committee; and that Presbyterics be enjoined not to grant employment to Probationers, or Ministers without charge, except such as come to them through the Committee."

It will be seen that the foregoing regulation puts a stop to any private arrangements for the supply of vacancies between Presbyteries and Probationers, whose names are not on the list of the Committee; and renders it necessary that all Probationers, seeking employment in vacant congregations with a view to settlement, report themselves to the convener of the Committee, and obtain appointments through the Committee.

Probationers will also bear in mind that although they may accept calls during the three months for which they receive appointments, they are required to fulfil their appointment to the end of the quarter.

These regulations, it is believed, will be found conducive to the best interests of all parties concerned, and it is hoped that they will be faithfully carried out by all. During the past year, it is gratifying to observe, that so many settlements have taken place, and it is believed that the regulations lately passed will tend still more to facilitate the settlement of vacant congregations, and thus promote the interests both of Probationers and vacant congregations.

MEETING OF SYNOD.

The seventh Annual Meeting of Synod took place, according to appointment, in Gould St. Church, Toronto, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. D. Inglis, moderator for the past year, on the evening of Tuesday 4th June. The text was 1st Corinthians II: 13, the subject being INSPIRATION. The sermon was on an important subject and was an able discourse. At a subsequent sermon the Synod very unanimously and cordially tendered thanks to Mr. Inglis for his sermon and for the able manner in which he had discharged his duties as moderator.

After the opening services, the Synod roll was called. A large number answered to their names, and for the greater part of the time the attendance was very large the number of members being—ministers 205, and elders 97, in all 302, the largest meeting we have had since the union. After the roll had been called, the reports of Presbyteries were read, from which it appeared that one minister had died during the year, the Rev. J. Baikie, five had demitted their charges, two of them having since been settled in other charges, eight had been translated, fifteen had been ordained as pastors, and in addition twelve ninisters had been inducted into pastoral charges, four ministers had been received into the church, and eleven students licensed to preach the gospel. It is pleasing to note that the Synod roll is increased this year by 21, the addition being larger than it has been for a number of years.

The election of moderator was the next business. The choice of the Synod fell upon the Rev. J. J. A. Proudfoot of London, who took the chair and addressed the Synod in appropriate terms. Some committees having been appointed, the first sederunt of the Synod was closed.

The first part of the morning sederunt of Wednesday 5th was spent in devotional exercises, which were conducted by the moderator, Mr. Scott of London, Mr. Laing, Mr. McTavish, and Mr. King. Thereafter applications were taken up for leave to license certain students, and to receive certain ministers from other churches. Leave was granted to license students, viz:-J. R. Riley, W. Groulx, J. Aull, J. Becket, M. Fraser, J. McNab, R. M. Croll, P. Musgrove, A. C. McDonald, D. Davidson, W. Grant, J. W. Bell, M. A., W. Burns, A. C. Gillies and N. McDiarmid. Leave was subsequently given to Presbyteries to receive the following ministers and probationers into the church, viz:--Rev. Mr. Burson, formerly of the Wesleyan Church, Rev. J. McLean, formerly of the Congregational Church, Rev. J. Douglas, Rev. J. Fritchard, Rev. J. Carswell, Rev. A. Dawson, B. A., Rev. G. Milligan, B. A., Rev. W. Meikle.

DEPUTIES FROM FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The Rev. Principal Fairbairn and the Rev. Mr. Wells, deputies from the Free Church of Scotland to the Presbyterian Churches in the United States were present at the opening of the Synod, and it was agreed that they should address the Synod at the evening sederunt of Wednesday, which was appointed to be held in Kuox's Church. On Wednesday evening accordingly the Synod met in Knox's church which was filled with a very large congregation. Addresses were delivered by Dr. Fairbairn and Mr. Wells. Dr. Fairbairn referred to the object of the Free Church in sending deputies to the American Presbyterian Churches, and gave much interesting information with reference to the progress of the Free Church. He spoke warmly in favour of union among the Presbyterian Churcher. Mr. Wells gave a very interesting and able address referring particularly to the Home missions of the Church in Glasgow and other large cities On motion of Dr. Burns seconded by Mr. Smellie the Synod returned their hearty thanks to the deputies for their presence and their addresses, and expressed the very great pleasure with which they had heard their statements as to the operations and prosperity of the church which they represented.

REV. DR. STOWE OF ANDOVER.

The Rev. Dr. Stowe, formerly Professor at Andover, was present at many of the sessions of Synod, was asked to sit as a corresponding minister, and at the afternoon sederunt of Thursday 6th addressed the Synod, referring to his former connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and expressing the deep interest which he felt in the prosperity and growth of the Presbyterian Church. The thanks of the Synod were, on motion of Professor Caven, seconded by Mr. Clark of Quebec and supported by Mr. J. Baird, tendered to Dr. Stowe.

KNOX COLLEGE.

The subject of our Theological Colleges occupied a large share of the attention of the Synod. The Report of the Board of Knox College was presented on Wednesday 5th. The report was of a pleasing character so far as the general prosperity of the College was concerned, and especially its financial position, the receipts having been about \$1,300 in advance of the amount received the preceding year. The debt that formerly existed is now greatly reduced. The report of the Senate and that of the Board of Examination, together with a letter from the Principal of the College were also read. The Synod also heard read the report of the Presbytery of Paris on the subject of the College. After some discussion it was agreed to consider the subjects connected with Knox College on Committee of the whole at a subsequent diet, and to consider the overture from the Presbytery of Paris desire it.

On Monday afternoon the Synod went into committee of the whole, on the several papers connected with Knox College. Several motions were made in Committee but no decision was come to. The Synod thereafter resumed and considered the subject fully in open Synod. Various motions were submitted, but no vote was taken. It was agreed then to appoint a Committee to consider the whole subject and submit a series of resolutions to be afterwards laid before the Synod. The resolutions reported by the Committee were as follows :--

1. That the Synod express satisfaction with the financial condition of Knox College, and instruct Presbyteries to take action in securing contributions from those congregations which have not remitted them during the past year. 2. That the report on scholarships be approved, and the great satisfaction and thankfulness of the Synod with the results in this department be recorded, and that the scholarship fund be earnestly commended to the liberality of members of the Church. 3. That, considering the small advantage derived from the large amount of money invested in the College Buildings, and the expense connected with the maintenance, the Board of Management be empowered to dispose of them if favourable terms can be obtained. 4. That the Synod, keeping in view the appointment as soon as possible of a third professor, in accordance with its recommendation of the Board, appoint two lecturers for three months each, at a salary of \$500 each. 5 That these lecturers have charge of the departments. First, of Apologetics, second of Homiletics, Pastoral Theology, and Church Government. 6. That a small committee be appointed to nominate the lecturers, and report to the Synod at -----. 7. That the Synod express their gratitude to God for the measure of success vouchsafed in connection with the work of the College, commend it to the increased liberality of the

Church, and appoint the second Sabbath of October as a day of special prayer for the continued blessing of God on the institution. 8. That the Senate be instructed, as far as possible, to discountenance the prosecution by students of the literary and theological courses at the same time. 9. That in reference to the case of Mr. Croly, in consideration of the special circumstances in which he has been placed, his attendance during the past winter be reckoned as a full session. 10. That the reports of the Board of Management, Senate and Board of Examiners be printed as an appendix to the minutes of Synod.

The third resolution, relating to the present College Buildings, was after discussion and a vote, not adopted, Mr. Baird, and Mr. James dissenting. The rest were adopted. After the 7th of the above resolutions, the following resolution was moved by Mr. A. B. Simpson, seconded by Mr. John Ross—"That the Synod, having heard the letter of Principal Willis, take this opportunity of expressing their continued confidence in the venerable Principal of Knox College, and in the whole College Staff." On a-vote the resolution was adopted by 79 to 12. Several members dissented on the ground that free discussion had been prevented, the previous question having been moved and carried.

In order to give a connected view of the whole College matters, it may be stated that the committee referred to in the 6th of the above resolutions subsequently reported to Synod the names of the Rev. R. Ure of Goderich, and the Rev. J. J. A. Proudfoot as lecturers on Apologetics, Homiletics and Pastoral Theology. The nomination was unanimously approved by the Synod.

The overture from the Presbytery of Paris was read, Mr. W. Inglis was heard in explanation of some matters connected with it, and in behalf of the Presbytery he asked and obtained leave to withdraw it.

MONTREAL COLLEGE.

The report of the Presbytery of Montreal with reference to the Montreal College, was laid before the Synod on the morning of Thursday 6th. The report referred to the great measure of success which had attended their efforts, the endowment so far contributed being \$19,187.70. The sum of \$8000 is to be paid on the appointment of a Professor, and of the balance the greater part is to be paid within two years, and the whole within four Fifty dollars had also been contributed towards a buisary fund years. while there were six scholarships connected with McGill College held by members of the church. The Presbytery, in view of all the circumstances recommended, -1. That one Professor was enough to begin with ; 2. That his salary should be at least \$2,000; 3. That in the meantime no steps should be taken to erect College buildings ; 4. That the Presbytery have leave to increase the endovment fund to at least \$30,000; 5. That the Synod unite the Presbyteries of Brockville, Ottawa and Kingston with that of Montreal in the effort to establish and maintain the College; 6. And that the Synod appoint a College Board, in which the above named Presbyteries should be largely represented, to have nower over the local government of the College, and to nominate to Professorships and other offices, while the power of appointing to such offices should remain in the hands of the Synod, and the management generally be subject to its control. It was proposed that the College go into operation in October next.

After discussion, the 5th of the above resolutions was amended by the omlssion of the Presbytery of Kingston.

The Synod unanimously, on the report of the Committee, appointed the Rev. G. P. Young Professor in the College at Montreal. A College Board and Senate were appointed, and rules and regulations drawn up for the government of the College. In the event of Rev. G. P. Young not accepting the appointment, the Presbytery of Montreal was authorized to make whatever provision may be thought desirable for the instruction of the classes during the ensuing winter.

HOME MISSION.

The Home Mission Report was called for on the evening of Thursday, 6th., and was read by Mr. Laing, Convener. The report, which the readers of the Record will have an opportunity of reading, and which we earnestly commend to their notice, and to their study, gave a full and satisfactory account of the Home Mission Scheme. By means of it, 153 preaching stations, connected with 86 fields of labour, have been aided in maintaining ordinances, and 47 weak congregations have been supple-The total of receipts, including balance for last year, amounted mented. to \$11,934.89, and the disbursements to \$9,652.15, in addition to \$27,666 contributed locally. The report was received and adopted, and the thanks of the synod given to the convener. At a subsequent diet, the recommendations contained in the report were adopted, with some alterations, and the thanks of the Synod ordered to be conveyed to the Mission Board of the Irish Presbyterian Church, for their kind and liberal aid, which this church has received from them in the prosecution of its mission work.

KANKAKEE MISSION.

In connection with the report of the Home Mission Report, the Synod heard a report from the Presbytery of London, on the subject of the Mission at St. Ann's, Kankakee, Illinois. The Rev. Mr. Chinfquy gave interesting information as to the mission, and introduced Messrs. Lafontaine, Thorrien, and Demars, who addressed the Synod on the condition and progress of the mission, and produced a deep and favourable impression on the Synod and audience.

On full consideration, it was agreed to remove the Mission at St. Ann's for the Home Mission Scheme, with which it has been connected during the past year. The following resolutions were adopted with reference to the mission :--

1. That the management of the mission be entrusted to a committee of Synod, specially appointed for this purpose, while the ecclesiastical oversight of the congregation and mission remain with the Presbytery of London.

2. That all the congregations of the church be requested to contribute for the maintenance of the mission as for the schemes of the church, and that all moneys raised for the mission be paid in to the treasurer of the church, and be administered by the committee.

3. That the people of Kankakee be exhorted to contribute liberally to the support of their pastor, Mr. Chiniquy, and that the committee be instructed to supplement the contributions of the people, so as to make his salary \$1,000 in gold.

4. That the sum to be paid to teachers in the mission school shall not exceed \$1,200.

5. That the Presbytery of London be instructed to take the necessary steps for the employment of Messrs. Therrien and .Demars as evangelists in the mission field.

6. That Messrs. Lafontaine and Therrien be expected to preach at the mission stations on each Lord's day.

BUXTON MISSION.

The Rev. W. King gave a brief statement of the history and condition of the Buxton Mission. It was agreed to liquidate the debt due in connexion with this mission by equal amounts from the Home Mission Fund, and Synod Fund, \$100 being charged to each fund annually, until the debt be discharged.

APPEALS, ETC.

There were several appeals from the inferior courts before the Synod. The 1st. was one by Mr. Silver, against a decision of the Presbytery of Paris. The case was referred to a committee on whose report the Synod dismissed the appeal and sustained the action of the Presbytery. The 2nd. was an appeal by the widow McLean against a finding of the Presbytery of Guelph, in a matter of discipline. This case was also referred to a committee, on whose report the Synod adopted a deliverance in which all parties acquiesced. The 3rd. was an appeal of Mr. J. Cunningham, for a decision of the Presbytery of London, in the matter of suspension from the membership of the church, by the Kirk Session of New Glasgow and Kintyre, on account of marriage with a deceased wife's After lengthened discussion, the previous question was moved sister. and carried in the affirmative. The vote being taken, the Synod, by a vote of 138 to 5, dismissed the appeal, and affirmed the decision of the Presbytery. The 4th case was a dissent and complaint of Rev. J. Anderson, and others, against a decision of the Presbytery of Montreal, on the report of a committee of Presbytery appointed to confer with the Kirk Session of Knox's Church, Montreal, in regard to comusical instrument employed in the service of public praise in said church. Papers were read, and parties heard at length. Two motions were submitted to the synod-the 1st. to dismiss the complaint, and sustain the decision of the Presbytery. The 2nd. was to sustain the complaint, and reverse the decision of the Presbytery, in so far as it expressed regret at the proceedings of the committee appointed to confer with the Kirk Session of Knox's Church. The second motion was carried.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC IN PUBLIC WORSHIP.

On the afternoon of Friday, 7th., the synod took up an overture and memorial from Knox's Church, Montreal, to the effect that the synod grant liberty, to such congregations as may wish the same, to employ the aid of instrumental music in conducting divine worship in their churches. A deputation from Knox's Church, Montreal, consisting of Mr A. Mc-Gibbon, Mr. W. D. McLaren, and Mr. James Brown, appeared, and were heard in support of the memorial and overture. Several motions were submitted : Mr. Clark, of Quebec, seconded by Mr. Watson, moved in substance that, "permission be granted, meanwhil," to congregations who desired to use an instrument, to do so, with instructions to use only plain and grave tunes; and that the opinions of the Presbyteries be had, during the year, on the general question." It was moved in amendment by Mr. John McLachlan, seconded by Mr.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. John McLachlan, seconded by Mr. John Ross, that the Synod desires the overture, and enjoin the Kirk Session and congregation of Knox's Church, Montreal, to conduct divine worship agreeably to the law and usages of this church.

It was moved further by Mr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Inglis, that the memorial be sent down to Presbyteries for their consideration till next meeting of Synod, and that meanwhile an interim act be passed permitting the use of organs in churches where they are desired. The motion included a draft of the proposed act authorizing Presbyteries on petition from congregations to consider the matter and decide as to the use of instrumental music, the decision of the Presbytery to be absolute until and unless reversed by the Synod.

It was moved by Mr. Waters, seconded by Mr. Hall, that the Synod while recognizing the importance of the subject and the necessity for

improvement in the service of praise in the congregations of the church, consider it inexpedient to agitate at this time the question of instrumental music in the service of praise,—therefore the Synod declines to grant the prayer of the overture.

It was further moved by Mr. J. M. King, seconded by Mr. McTavish, —That it is inexpedient to comply at this time with the prayer of the overture, but resolve to send it down to Presbyteries and Sessions, with instruction to report thereon to next Synod, so as to guide the Court in coming to a decision on this question.

Votes having been taken, the amendment of Mr. King was carried, and on being put in a substantive form to the House was affirmed almost unanimously.

In connection with the same subject, the Synod took up a reference for the Presbytery of Montreal in the matter of at appeal by Dr. Irvine from a decision of the Presbytery of Montreal in regard to the use of a musical instrument in Knox's Church, Montreal. The papers having been read and several individuals connected with the case heard.

Mr. Inglis, seconded by Mr. McTavish, moved that the Synod sustain the reference and dismiss the appeal of Dr. Irvine, and that a commission be appointed to take such action as might be necessary in order to secure that the use of the organ in his church be discontinued in the meantime, the Committee to consist of Messrs. Wardrope, (Conv'r,) Aitken, McLaren, ministers; and Messrs. Hay, Dr. Edmondson and Dr. Holden, elders.

ministers; and Messrs. Hay, Dr. Edmondson and Dr. Holden, elders. It was moved by Mr. J. M. King and seconded:—That the Synod sustain the reference, dismiss the appeal of Dr. Irvine, and instruct the session of Knox church, Montreal, to discontinue the use of the organ in the public worship till the mind of the Synod be ascertained by the reports of the Presbyteries and Sessions at next Synod, and to report their compliance with this instruction to the first regular meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal.

On a division the motion of Mr. King was carried by a large majority.

OVERTURE ON INTOXICATING DRINKS.

The Synod took up on overture from Rev. William Inglis, minister at Woodstock, praying the Synod to enact that the manufacturers and vendors of intoxicating liquors be excluded from the scaling ordinances of the church. Mr. Inglis has been heard in support of the overture, and concluded by moving that the matter be sent down to Sessions and Presbyteries to report upon.

Mr. Laing moved "that the Synod receive the overture, and resolve that the Synod renew its recommendation to ministers and people to oppose in every legitimate way the evils connected with the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks, but decline to make the sale or manufacture of such drinks a term of communion." Mr. Laing's motion was carried by a considerable majority.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

On the evening of Tuesday, 11th, the Foreign Mission Report was read by Rev. W. Aitken. The report reviewed the condition of the missions at Red River and in British Columbia. It referred to the auspicious commencement made by Mr. Nesbit among the Indians on the Saskatchewan, and to the circumstances which had led to the failure in the carrying out of the appointment of Rev. N. McKinnon as missionary to the New Hebrides.

After the reading of the report, an interesting a ldress was delivered by the Rev. John Black, on the progress and state of the mission at Red River. The Roy. D. Duff also addressed the Synod with reference to the state of religion in British Columbia.

At a subsequent diet the Synod unanimously agreed to record thanks to Rev. Dr. R. F. Burns, who had for many years discharged the duties of Convener with zeal and fidelity, and to express sympathy with our mis sionaries in their arduous labours in distant lands, rejoicing in the measure of success with which it has pleased God to crown their labours, and engaging to strongthen their hands by our prayers, and by every means by which the work may be prosecuted with success.

The Synod also agreed to authorize the Foreign Mission Committee to select and designate another missionary to the Red River Settlement, and also to correspond with the Wesleyan Missionary Society in reference to the mission at Edmonton House.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH PRESEVTERIAN CHURCHES IN LOWER PROVINCES.

At an early period of the session the Synod took up overtures on the subject of opening up closer intercourse with the Presbyteriar Church of the Lower Provinces. The Synod appointed a committee to consider and report as to the best way of carrying out this desirable object. The committee, before the close of the Synod, reported a draft of a fraternal letter to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Pro inces, and recommended the appointments of several members as delegates to the Synod of the sister church. The Synod sustained the report, and commissioned Rev. D. H. McVicar, Rev. C. Chiniquy and James Court, Esq., to represent this Synod before the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

In connection with intercourse with other churches, it may be here stated that the Synod heard read a communication from Rev. F. H. Marling of the Congregational Union, who had been appointed to appear before the Synod as a delegate of that Body. They also received a friendly letter from the Conference of the Primitive Methodist Church in session in Toronto at the same time. Rev. Mr. King was appointed to express to the Conference the friendly feelings of the Synod, and a deputation was appointed to wait on the next meeting of the Congregational Union.

STATISTICS.

The Report on Statistics and the Finances of the church was given in on the last day of Synod, and was read by Rev. J. Gray, Convener. The report was received and the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Convener, and the report ordered to be printed together with the statistical and financial returns. It may be observed that the report of the committee is exceedingly gratifying, showing very large increase in the ministry, membership and finances of the church.

In connexion with the report on statistics and finance the following resolutions were moved by Mr. Topp, seconded and agreed to with reference to-

INCREASE OF STIPEND.

That the Synod impressed with the conviction that the stipends of the ministers of this Church are generally inadequate for their comfortable maintenance, resolve to aim after a minimum stipend of 600 for each minister, along with a manse. 2. That with a view to the accomplishment of this end, that a general and simultaneous movement be made by means of deputations for the purpose of inviting and conferring with all the congregations of the Church on the subject referred to. 3. That the Synod accordingly, resolve to appoint a committee to arrange with the Presbyteries of the Church for the visit of such deputations during the present

year, and to report to next meeting of Synod the result of their labours. In accordance with the foregoing resolutions a committee was appointed by the Synod. The Synod further agreed to express satisfaction with the greatly diminished arrears in the payment of ministars' salaries; and believing that it is possible with the blessing of God to liquidate the entire amount during the present year, express a hope that Presbyteries will exert themselves to this end and empower the Home Mission committee if it sees fit to co-operate with the Presbytery of Grey in this movement.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Reports of various standing Committees in addition to those already mentioned were presented. The reports from the Committees on Widows' Fund and Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund were highly satisfactory. The report of the Committee on Returns of Presbyteries to Romits was considered. In accordance with it, the Synod agreed as to representations of Sessions in Presbyteries, &c., that the decision of the majority of Presbyteries be adopted by this Synod as the law of the church (viz. that there should not be more than one representation in the church courts be accorded to such congregations as enjoyed it before the union, and that Presbyteries be enjoined to take action, as soon as they can hope to do so with offect, for bringing the representation of these congregations into conformity with the law and practice of the church. The act regarding General Assembly was again remitted to Presbyteries.

FRENCH CANADIAN MISSION.

During the meeting of Synod a deputation appointed by the Fronch Canadian Missionary Society including Rev. Dr. Taylor, Rev. D. H. Mc Vicar, and Mr. James Court, addressed the Synod on the encouraging state of the Mission. The Rev. M. Cousserat afterwards addressed briefly in French, Mr. Chiniquy acting as interpreter. An overture on the subject of the evangelization of the French Canadians was brought forward and referred to a committee to consider and report to next Synod.

DEFERRED BUSINESS.

Several matters were left over for consideration at next Synod, viz., Report of the Committee on Psalmody; an overture on purity of worship; an overture with reference to marriage with a deceased wife's sister; and some matters of minor importance.

SYNODICAL COLLECTIONS.

The stated Synodical collections were appointed as follows :----

- 1. For the Synod Fund on the 3rd Sabbath of July.
- 2. For the Widows' Fund on the 3rd Sabbath of September.

3. For the Kankakee Mission on the 1st Sabbath of November,

4. For the Home Mission Scheme on 3rd Sabbath of December.

5. For Foreign Missions on 3rd Sabbath of March.

For Knox College the Synod appointed the contributions to be made not later than 31st December.

The Synod also recommended that a collection be made during the year for the French Canadian Missionary Society.

THANKS.

The thanks of the Synod were recorded to the accommodation committee; to the Trustees of Gould Street Church; to the members of the church in the city, and other friends for their generous hospitality; and to the Directors of the Grand Trunk, Great Western, and Northern Railways for their kindness in granting reduced fares to members of Synod.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The business of the Synod was closed, in the usual way, on the evening of Thursday 13th, and the next ordinary meeting of Synod appointed to take place at Montreal and within Erskine Church there, on the Tuesday after the 1st Sabbath of June, 1868.

Home Geclesinstical Intelligence.

GUELPH, FIRST CONCREGATION —The Rev. R. Torrance was lately waited on by a deputation of the congregation, and presented by them, in the name of the members and adherents, with an address expressive of their feelings of affection and esteem, and also with a purse containing upwards of \$220.

DUNDAS.—We have received a communication from Dundas which want of space prevents us from giving in full. It describes the progress, in every respect, which has been made since the settlement of the Rev. J. McColl, and refers more particularly to the very commodious Manse which has been erected by the congregation at a cost of about \$2,500. The Congregation, Sabbath Schools, Bible Class and Missionary Society all give indication of prosperity and progress.

BEVERLY.—Previous to the departure of the Rev. John Porteous for a tour in Europe, the Ladies of the Beverly Congregation under his charge, presented him with a present of about \$120.

OTTAWA, BANK STREET.—On the 22, 23, 24 of May a Bazaar was held by the Ladies of the Congregation in aid of the building fund of the Bank St. Church, Ottawa. It was quite a successful affair, the amount received being \$790.

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HOME MISSION REPORT.

The Committee have much pleasure in submitting to the Synod a Report of their operations for the past year. At last Synod they could only speak of the new scheme as having come into operation, but now they are able to point to the successful working of our mission scheme for one year, and it does not seem too much to say that the results have exceeded the expectations of the Committee. As formerly, meetings of the Committee were held in October and April.

The returns from Presbyteries have, on the whole, been very satisfactory. To some of the clerks of Presbyteries and conveners of Presbyterial Committees, the Synod is much indebted for the care and producity with which reports have been made. In some instances, where new stations are being opened this summer, and the operations are of a tentative nature, statistics could not be furnished. Grants, however, have been made where Presbyteries desire it. In one or two instances some oversight or change of a congregation from the list of Mission Stations to Weak Congregations, or vice rersa, has occasioned a blank.

I .- STATIONS AND CONGREGATIONS.

Table I. in the Appendix exhibits every Mission Station, and Table II. every weak congregation as reported, with the grams made to each. These lists have been printed in order that they may be accessible to every person interested, and that opportunity may thus be afforded of having them thoroughly revised and corrected, so that they may form the basis of the operations of the Committee in time to come. The following summaries exhibit the relative positions of Presbyteries.

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As compared with last year, we find in these tables a gratifying progress. No presbytery is doing less than in 1865-66, and several are doing more.

Last year it was necessary to make great allowance for defective returns; this year this has been required only in two or three instances, and we may take the statistics generally as thoroughly reliable. Connected with the operations of the Committee, we have S6 groups of stations, including 153 preaching stations, and 47 weak congregations, receiving aid. Representing in all an adult membership of over 5645; an average attendance of about 10 000; while \$27,666 are contributed locally, besides board for the missionaries, and sums for building, &c. Aid is rendered to the amount of \$8389 50.

As compared with last year we have :-

| | Fields of Labour. | Preaching Stations and Congregatins. | No. of Families. | No of Con:muni cants. | Amount to he con- tributed locally. | Amount from H, M. U. |
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| 1865-66 { Mission Stations Weak Congregations | 69 47 | 132 41 | 2266 | $\begin{array}{c} 2015\\ 2215\end{array}$ | \$ c. 9018 00 9731 00 | \$ c. 5972 00 3027 00 |
| Total | 155 | 173 | 2266 | 4230 | 18749 00 | 8999 00 |
| 1866-67 { Mission Statlons Weak Congregations | 86 47 | 153 47 | 2837 | 2426 8219 | 10554 00 17112 00 | 8119 50 5270 00 |
| Total | 133 | 200 | 2837 | 5645 | 27666 00 | 8389 50 |
| Increase in 1866-67 | 23 | 27 | 571 | 1415 | 8917 00 | •••• |

II. MISSIONARIFS.

The list of missionaries, as made out at the meeting of Committee in April, may be found in Appendix III. It contains the names of 26 students in Divinity, 8 student catechists, 5 students from Princeton seminary, 7 ordained ministers, 1 licentiate, and 5 lay catechists. Making in all 51 missionaries. Of these, however, 3 were not at the disposal of the Committee.

During the winter months, the few missionaries whose services were available were apportioned---

To the Presbytery of Hamilton, 2. Messrs McLashan and McColl. •6

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- London, 1. McNaughton, for 3 months.
- Toronto, 1. Johnston.
- Cobourg, 1. Campbell.

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Montreal, 1. J. E. Calder.

Besides this, the students in divinity were employed, to a considerable extent, in the vicinity of Toron'o, in supplying mission stations.

In mid-winter, in accordance with the instructions of last synod, four of the probationers were put at the disposal of the Committee-viz, Messrs Hume, McKerracher, E. McLean, W. II. Simpson, and they received appointments accordingly.

The supply thus afforded was far from adequate; and as it was found necessary to send Mr Johnston to the presbytery of Guelph for a time, and other missionaries did not fulfil their appointments, several presbyteries were much disappointed. In general, efforts were made by presbyterics to supply, as regularly as possible, their mission stations by their own members or others; but still a large proportion of the more remote places were rarely, if at all visited.

The applications for missionaries received from the several presbyteries, and the supply, as apportioned in April last, is exhibited below.

| Prestyteries. | Applied for. | Granted. | Missionaries Appointed |
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| 1. Montreal. 2. Ottawa S. Brockville 4. Kingston 5. Cobourg 6. Ontario 7. Toronto 8. Hamilton 9. Guelph 10. Stratford 11. Paris 12. London 13. Huron 14. Grey Total | 4 2 4 3 12 3 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | $2\frac{2\frac{1}{2}}{5}$ $2\frac{1}{3}$ $1\frac{1}{2}$ $7\frac{1}{2}$ 3 $4\frac{1}{2}$ | W. Grant, K. McRae, H. Currie, T. Fenwick. A. McLaren, McDiarmid, Blythe. J. Becket, Gray. Croll, Gillics, Burns, (4 months), W. Campbell. Muggrave, P. Scott. Aull, Barron, (4 months) J. McLean. Fraser, J. Campbell, A. McDonald, (3 months Ritchie, McNab, (3 months), Johnston. McBain, Urquhart, (4 months), McGlashan. E. Reeve, Munro, A. T. Holmes. Croly, (3 months) Milne, (3 months). Bell, Milne (3 months). Bell, Milne (3 months). Murray, Murdoch, Robertson, Lockerby, Me- Donald (3 months), Winters, Armstrong. McNab, (3 months), Croly, (3 months), Ferguson, J. Campbell, Jr. Mitchell, Rowat, Maekay, Foster, (3 months), McInnes. |

Thus it is clearly seen, that even in the summer half-year, with all the miscionaries available, there is supply for little more than two thirds of the field occupied by the presbyteries, and that many of our stations must have silent Sabbaths, or be only partially supplied.

Besides the *z* bove mentioned missionaries, ministers residing within the bounds of presbyteries, though not wishing to be employed formally and regularly, have given occasional supply in several localities.

III.-FUNDS.

During the past year, claims have been laid by Presbyteries before the Committee, for services rendered before April 1st, 1866, to the amount of \$1370.65. These have been discharged. A claim also by Rev. W. King, of Buxtou, for a balance due to him of \$199.89, has been paid. This large amount is over and above the current expenses of the Committee's operations, bring in really in discharge of indebtedness, part of which has been accumulating for years.

The amounts due as grants to Mission Stations and Weak Congregations have been met up to April 1st, except in a very few instances where reports may be deficient.

The state of the fund at the close of the year was,

INCOME.

| Balance from last year | \$1906 | 76 |
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| Grant from Presbyterian Church in Ireland | 1221 | 11 |
| Congregational Contributions | 8771 | 02 |
| Other Sources | 86 | 00 |
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| Total | | \$11 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

| Arrears to several Presbyteries | 65 |
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| Grants for past year | 97 |
| Buxton Mission | 89 |
| St. Anne's Kankakee 500 | 00 |
| Expenses, for 1865–66 | 60 |
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| Total 9652 | 15 |
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Since April 30th, \$274 37 have been received by the Trensurer which, added to the above balance, gives on June 1st, a balance of \$2557 11 in favour of the Fund.

The income has thus exceeded the expenditure by \$376.28 and including \$1099.89 for Kaukakee and Buxton, and arrears amounting to \$1370.65. After discharging all known obligations, there remains a balance in favour of the fund, on June first of \$2557.11.

If now we compare the state of the fund for last year with its state during 1865-66. We have the following results in the various presbyteries &c.

| PRESBYTERIES. | Am't Co | ntributed. | ige Der. | Am't Received. | | | |
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| | 1865-66 | 1866-67 | Average per Member. | 1865-66 | 1866-67 | | |
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Thus we find that during the year there has been an increase of aided localities to the number of twenty-nine; an increase of reported membership of 1415; an increase of local contributions, to the amount of \$917; an increase of income from the church of \$2547.45; and an increase of aid afforded from the Central Fund to the amount of \$471.91.

It also appears from the above table that Kingston yields by far the highest average contribution per number $\$_1 \$_0$, only four presbyteries give more than half that average, two only give $\frac{1}{100}$ of an average, and one gives $\frac{1}{100}$ cents.

* This includes \$399 89 for Buxton.

According to the statistics of last year there are 472 "Regular Charges" reported which should send contributions to the fund. Of that number 50 have not contributed. The majority of these are weak or vacant, still they could send something. A few of the congregations, however, which have not contributed are numerous and able, and it would be well if presbyteries enquired into the reason of their omission.

An even more serious drawback on the fund, is the smallness of contributions sent by some old, wealthy and large congregations. This, if not rectified, may tend to di-courage others who are doing their utmost to bear a burden which the more able are unwilling to share.

With about 40,000 communicants on the Roll of our Church, we might accomplish far more than we have yet attained to. Some congregations give at the inte of \$1.00 per member, many reach \$0.70. But many, on the other hand, and not a few of them wealthy congregations do not much exceed \$0.10. With an average of \$0.50 we would have \$20,000 annually, or more than double the income of last year, and that can easily be reached in most congregations, and far exceeding in very many.

Appended is a list of the congregations which have not up to 1st May sent contributions to the Central Fund.

Montreal.....10 Quebec, Lochiel, English River, Kenyon, Lingwick, Richmond, New Glasgow. Winslow, Metis, Farnham.

Ottawa...... 6 Aylmer, Ottawa Bank St., Dalhousie, Renfrew, Cumberland, Pakenham.

Brockville 4 Prescott, Colquhoun, S. Gower, Lyn.

Cobourg 1 Lakefield.

Toronto 2 Stayner, Mono.

Hamilton..... 3 Nairn, Dundas, Kilbride. Guelph...... 1 Eden Mills.

Stratford..... 5 Millbank Mornington, Stratford, Morrington, Biddulph, Mitchell.

London 8 Williams, St. Thomas, Detroit, Aldboro, Amherstburg, Strathroy, Lobo, Florence.

- Huron 2 Kincardine, Knox and West Church.

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The Presbyterian Church of Ireland has again shewn its deep interest in our Mission work by a liberal grant of £250 sterling. A request accompanied the gift, that the Buxton Mission should be liberally aided. This the committee has done; St. Sylvester also and Kennebec, as formerly, have to thank the church in Ireland for the large supplement which they raise.

IV .--- GRANTS IN AID.

The committee guided by the reports of Presbyteries carefully revised the grants of the previous year. In some cases the grants have been increased, while in other instances congregations have been able to dispense with aid altogether, or require a smaller sum than formerly. Several New Stations and Congregations have been put on the lists. As intimated in last Report the Committee have endeavoured, when asked by Presbyteries, to make the stipend of ministers in charge, reach a minimum of \$450. For various reasons this has not been reached in every case, but a marked advance has been secured in many instances. The indirect influence of supple, onling weak congregations has been to stimulate self-sustaining charges to greater liberality towards their ministers. In this indirect result of their operations the Committee feel much satisfaction.

The Committe have had much pleasure in being able promptly to meet the supplements in all the weak corgregations. All these are paid, so far as known, up to April 1st, 1867. And as contrasted with the past experience of missionaries in the church, it is satisfactory to know that no minister or missionary has been kept waiting from want of funds, and that the presbyteries have not been burdened with a large amount of debt constantly on the increase. It is to be feared that in some instances Mission Stations and Congregations may have failed to implement their agreements. This however lies with presbytenics and the committee has not interfered, further than to make inquiry occasionally for guidance in their own operations.

V .- WORK DONE.

It may be proper to give a more full statement of what has been done in the several presby teries during the past year.

1. Montreal.-This presbytery has succeeded in bringing its operations into a good measure of conformity with the Synod's Regulations. A very large pro-portion of the contributions were paid to J. Redpath, Esq. Montreal, the local treasurer. The fund thus accruing was disbursed by the presbytery to a large extent in accordance with the grants of the committee. Some part of it was expended in payment of arrears, travelling expenses, &c. A statement of there matters has been given in, which the committee deem satisfactory, considering the peculiar circumstances in which that presbytery has found itself placed. Much commendation is due to the brethren of the presbytery who, for the last two years have, by persevering effort, succeeded in ascertaining the position of the various congregations and mission stations, and in bringing about the present satisfactory state of affairs. There are several interesting mission districts within the bounds of this presbytery, for which nothing, meanwhile, can be done. Nine mission fields are on the list, and more could be put there if missionarics could be found. There are seven supplemented congregations, and further settlements of the same kind seems to be the best way of overtaking the Home Miseiou Work. The great distances between the presbyterian settlements, and the smallness of the congregations in Canada East, render more than ordinary attention and assistance necessary in their case.

Besides the contributions reported, an effort is being made by the congregations in the City of Montreal, to pay off the debt of St. Joseph's Street Church, to the amount of \$6,000.

2. Ottawa.—Five mission fields are occupied in this presbytery, and three congregations are supplemented. No little difficulty has been experienced during last year from wast of missionaries, and a good deal of carnest effort has been put forth to get the mission work thoroughly undertaken. A new mission field on the Upper Ottawa has been opened up.

S. Brockville.—Nothing indicative of progress has been reported by this presbytery during the year. At the last meeting of the presbytery, however, new home mission arrangements were made, and it was resolved to form missionary ' associations in all the congregations, and affairs appear more hopeful. The very small amount sent from this presbytery to the Central Fund, is owing to several congregations having retained their transies. No account has as yet reached the committee of what has been done with these funds. Two mission fields are reported, and siz supplemented congregations.

4. Kingston.—This presbytery works very satisfactorily. It furnishes the highest average contribution per member, though the congregations are by no means large or comparatively wealthy. Five mission fields are reported, and three supplemented congregations. The gold district in Madoe, and adjacent townships, is opening up an extensive mission field, and the presbytery is endeavouring to meet the necessities of the case.

5. Cobourg.—This presbytery has six mission fields and two supplemented congregations. The mission field lies in the lake district, to the north of Peterboro, including a large number of townships, recently settled, and where the inhabitants are very poor. The gold excitement has spread into this region, and the presbytery is trying to visit the remotest settlements. A new mission, on the Burleigh Road, has been opened up this spring.

6. Ontario.— One mission station and five supplemented congregations are reported. The settlers in the mission field are still struggling with poverty, and require liberal aid. But there is a prospect of much mission work for the future, as a wide district is being fast taken up in the northern part of the bounde.

7. Toronto.—A carefully prepared and full report of the operations of this presbytery has been printed. The progress is most gratifying. By no presbytery has the detailed information of its mission operations been so fully obtained. The following extracts will speak for themselves .- The field, as it now stands, embraces thirteen stations, or groups of stations, including twenty nine points where the Gospel is regularly preached. Fourteen of these are supplied with churches, nearly all of which are free of debt. Fifteen are still without places of worship. These thirteen groups of stations have 610 families connected with them, and an average attendance-in summer, when the missionaries are living among the people—of 2,190 persons. The field has been wrought at an expense of \$4,656 12 for the twelve months. Of this sum, \$623 50 is drawn from the Synod's Central Fund; the remainder, \$1,032 62, has been contributed by the stations theraselves, or as their joint memembership is 622, at the rate of over \$5 per member. Of this sum, \$1,746 has been raised for building purposes, chiefly at Newmarket, Oro (Willis' Church), and Tecumseh-at the last two places, new churches have been erected and opened during the year. The amount contributed for supply alone is \$1,804 04, or at the rate of nearly \$3 per member.

Coming to the Mission field proper, and taking a review of the whole, we find that six new congregatious have been organized within the twelve months. The united membership of these new stations amounts to to 113. Of the previously existing stations, some are nearly stationary as regards membership; e.g., Newmarket, Cedar Grove, Caledon, and Bradford. Others, as Mulmur, Melancibon, Muskoka, are steadily increasing. It is difficult to ascertain with acouracy what the increase in membership for the year has been within the area of the Mission field. We are quite safe in putting it at 150, including that of those newly organized Stations-a very gratifying increase when everything is taken into account.

The increase in the contributions of congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery of Toronto to the Central Fund has been, during the last three years, very marked and gratifying. In the year closing April, 1864, they amounted to \$504 15; in that closing April, 1665, to \$584 54; in that closing April, 1866, to \$1,139 10; and now for the present year, to \$1,370 23, or, including \$103 07 contributed by various Sabbath Schools in the Presbytery for the Muskoka Mission, \$1,473 30, being nearly treble the amount raised three years ago, There are two supplemented congregations within the bounds.

8. Hamilton .- This Presbytery as six Mission fields, and one weak congregation. Nothing of particular interest is reported as having taken place during the year in connection with the mission work.

9. Guelph .- Five Mission Stations were reported during the year. One of them is now settled, and is a weak congregation receiving supplement.

A mission among the German population in the county of Waterloo was begun by this presbytery last year. Mr Loutzinger was obtained from the United States, a licentiate of the Presbyterian Church, O.S. He entered on his work, after his appointment, in the month of May, at New Hamburg, in the township of Wilmot, holding Divine service in a Lutheran church then vacant. A number of people attended, and the Sabbath School was superintended by Mr Leutzinger. Owing to action taken by the Lutheran Synod and a portion of the congregation, Mr L. had to leave this place of worship. The use of the Wesleyan Church was granted on the afternoon of the Lord's Day, and Mr L. continued his labours there. The presbytery, at the request of the people, on 14th April last, organised a congre-gation at New Hamburg, with *fifteen* members in full communion. The committee appointed to this duty reported to the presbytery their satisfaction with " the serious appearance of the people, their grave, sweet singing of their hymns, their intelligent acquaintance with the doctrines of Scripture, and their occasional questions for information touching some of the subjects which were proposed." Service is conducted in New Hamburg on alternate Sabbaths; the congregation numbers about 40; and the Sabbath School is attended by about 30 children.

In September last, the St Paul's German Protestant Church of Berlin invited Mr Leutzinger to occupy their pulpit. He complied with the request, and con-

tinues to minister there regularly up to the present time. The peopie manifest much interest in the declaration of the gospel, and the presbyter, on 24th April last, organised a congregation in Berlin with *eleven* members in full communion. The people seem to have a fair acquaintance with Seripture, and Mr Leutzinger has the impression that ere long a greater number will seek the fellowship of the church. Service is conducted in Berlin every Salbath A.M. The congregation numbers about 200, with an average attendance at the Sabbath School of about 50.

The church of Berlin seems to belong to the congregation, and it is probable that Mr. Leutzinger will continue to occupy it without annoyance. At New Hamburg an effort is being made, with every prospect of success, to build a ci.urch which may be occupied by both the English and German congregations connected with this church. A grant of \$200 was made by the Committee for this mission, and the proportion up to April 1st, \$150, has been paid to Mr Luitzinger. Besides this, New Lamburg has contributed \$50.00, and the Berlin congregation \$69.00. The presbytery also has contributed \$190 26. In all, \$159, have been received by the missionary. A greater degree of liberality made reasonably be looked for at the hands of the people when they have been made partakers of our spiritual things, meanwhile, there is much to encourage in what has been done. We may well rejoice that our Zion now embraces in her communion fellow-countrymen and fellow-christians who speak with another tongue and worship according to other usages than those hallowed in our remembrance by connection with our fathers and parent churches. As to the mission field now entered upon, the following extract expresses the views of the Presbytery of Guelph.

"There is great need for the faithful and zealous prosecution of our mission among the German people..... In the counties of Waterloo and Wellington they number, at least, S0,000. While large numbers of these attend the services of the Lutheran, Mennonites, Tunkers, and other churches, there is a very considerable number who attend no place of worship, and who have embraced sceptical opinions, and have fallen into irreligious habits. By n any of them the Sabbath is regarded as a day of worldly amuscment and recreation, even among those attending the services of the churches referred to.... A large proportion are not indoctrinated in the Evangelical truths of the Bible, and are not led in the ways of truth and holiness. A great work requires to be done among them. The Wesleyan Methodist Church has, within the last *five* or *six* years, entered upon this field of missionary labour, and has now some *six* or *seven* labourers employed, who supply over 20 stations, and through whose exertions *five* churches have been built."

With the view of extending their operations, the presbytery is making enquiry for another missionary to be associated with Mr Leutzinger, and the Committee is prepared to aid the presbytery liberally in this most interesting and promising field of operations.

10. Paris.—There were no mission stations or supplemented congregations within the bounds during the past year. Three mission stations, however, are opened this year at Beachville, Sweaburg, and New Hamburgh.

11. Stratford.—In this presbytery, Burns' Church, Zorra, is reported as a mission station, which neceives partial supply. Nothing of interest has been reported.

12. London.—Ten mission fields are reported, and ten weak congregations, in this presbytery. The settlement of Bothwell has removed it from the list of mission stations, but another has been added. Two have been added to the list of supplemented congregations, and two have been removed. The congregation at Elmira, U.S., is still supplied with a Gaelic missionary. Nothing of special importance has been reported in the properly Home Mission Work. In other matters reference will hereafter be made.

13. Huron.—There are five mission fields and three supplemented congregations within the bounds. The mission field is now very generally occupied. Still the cause of the church may be much advanced by separating charges at present united, so soon as they have somewhat further increased and consolidated.

14. Grey.—Reports six mission fields and three weak congregations withinbounds. This presbytery has a large, newly settled, comparatively poor, at cessitous field. It is to be regretted that more missionaries cannot be obtained to labour there. The brethren of the presbytery do what they can to meet the wants of the region, and to foster the stations, but no little difficulty is sometimes experienced. The committee is disposed to deal liberally with those stations that are trying to help themselves.

Bruce Mines.—Of the inportant mission at Bruce Mines, no particular report has been made to the committee. A desire, however, has been expressed to have some ordained missionary sent there for a lengthened period. The presbytery are not neglecting the field, though unable to do what they would like for want of a suitable person disposed to undertake the mission. This field, though under the care of the presbytery of Grey, is possessed of a general interest, and will receive from the committee all possible atlention.

Buxton Mission.—Though Buxton is now on the list of weak congregations, in the presbytery of London, the peculiar circumstances of the mission, and its financial concerns, call for particular notice. The presbytery of London has made no report to the committee in regard to the mission. But the committee, considering it duiful on their part to take action, obtained from the treasurer a detailed statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Mission Current Fund since 1864. The following summary will suffice to put the synod in possession of the facts. It is, however, distinctly to be understood that it has not been submitted to the presbytery, or approved by them.

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ST. ANNE'S, KANKARPE.

The Committee believing that the Synod, in the resolution adopted last year, intended that the \$600, to be given to the congregation and schools at Kankakee was to be paid out of the Central Fund, have paid \$500, being the amount due up to April 1st, 1867. The Statistical and Financial information required by the Synod's regulations has not been furnished. Neither has the presbytery given any report of the mission during the year, although we learn from other sources that matters in connection with the mission are possessed of no little interest. This want of information is much to be regretted as in many parts of the church a deep interest is felt in this mission.

Glancing then at the who'e field, it will be seen that during the year a number of new missions have been opened in various parts of the church; settlements have been greatly promoted and resignations have been prevented by means of the aid granted through the committee. All the presbyteries are cordially entering upon the work in conjunction with the committee, it is believed with satisfactory results. A foundation has now been laid for future and more extended operations and the committee are more hopeful than ever of ultimate success.

During the year pre-byteries have to a greater extent than before, made appointments of ordained missionaries to labour statedly in Mission districts. It seems desirable to encourage such appointments, and the committee vertures to express the hope, that such ministers may have accorded to them their full status and seats in the church courts.

The committee respectfully submit for consideration by the Synod a few things which may tend to further the Home Mission operations of the church.

1. In regard to Buxton, the committee recommend that the balance due to the Treasurer be paid in whole or in part from the Synod Fund, and be spread over three or four years.

The committee further invites attention to the unusually large grant received by this congregation, and recommend that inquiry should be made through the Presbytery of London whether so large a supplement from the Central Fund be really needed.

2. The committee recommend that the mission at St. Anne's, Kaukakee be removed from the charge of the Home Mission Committee, and be atherwise provided for. The grant now made is far in excess of that permitted by the Home Mission Regulation, and it seems to the committee that the maintenance of Mission Schools among a French population in a Foreign Country is not a department of Home Mission work as hitherto contemplated by the Synod.

3. That Regulation 1V. 3. be altered so as to read, "The amount of aid granted to any congregation receiving supplement, shall in no case exceed the amount necessary to make the salary of the minister \$600," instead of \$500 as it now stands.

4. That the supplements of all aid-receiving congregations shall be calculated from April 1st; and that Presbyteries be instructed to make their reports accordingly; supplements being payable on October 1st and April 1st in each year.

5. That Presbyteries be instructed at the first meeting to be held after the Synod in each year, to revise the Lists of Mission Stations and Weak Congregations, and make such changes as they may deem necessary, reporting the amended lists to the committee. And that the lists thus amended form the basis of the operations of the committee for the then current year.

6. The committee being of opinion that it would give satisfaction in some quarters, is prepared if the Synod see fit to entrust them with the duty, to assume the work entrusted at present to the committee on vacancies and Probationers.

7. The Committee would above all things call the attention of the Synod to the scant supply of missionaries. This is the great drawback under which we labour which is preventing the occupation of promising fields and producing much disatisfaction. While it is matter of thankfulness to find that generally the presbyteries have come to feel this want, the committee would press upon pre-byteries the necessity of putting forth efforts to secure labourers. The probability of obtaining them from the parent Churches is every year becoming less, and if the number of students among ourselves is not steadily on the increase the Church must suffer. It is pleasing to learn that the number of students in the literary course is much increased, but the efforts made to look out suitable young mea must be sustained from year to year if the Church is to grow.

In concluding this report the committee desire to acknowledge the hand of God which has given a measure of success to their labour, and deeply sensible that "except the Lord build the house they labour in vain that build it," they commit the Home Mission interests of our beloved church to His care, with the fervent prayer that those who may be called to this work during the next year may be guided by Him and may find their handiwork established.

All which is respectfully submitted by

. JOHN LAING, Convener

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HOME ECCLESIASTICAL INTELLIGENCE.

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BLENHEIM.—The congregation of Willis' Church, Blenheim, lately presented their esteemed Pastor, the Rev. H. McQuarrie, with a handsome horse and buggy as a token of their affection and esteem for him as their pastor, a:: I as an expression of their affection and esteem for him as their pastor, a:: I as an expression of their appreciation of his faithful and devoted labours among them as a steward of the manifold grace of God. The young men in connection with the congregation got up the present in a few days, during the absence of their pastor, and on Mr. McQuarrie's return from the Synod they very adroitly selected that time to present the horse and buggy to him. Mr. McQuarrie feelingly and appropriately thanked the young men, and through them the whole congregation for this additional manifestation of their kindness to him, saying, at the same time, that not much over a year having clapsed since he had been presented, by the people of his charge, with a purse containing ninety dollars. These acts of mutual kindness between a pastor and the people of his charge are exceedingly pleasant, and show that the good work is prospering in their midst.

GEORGETOWN .- On Tuesday, May 21st, the foundation stone of the church at Georgetown, in connexion with the Canada Presbyterian Church, was laid. The congregation met in their ordinary place of meeting, at 3 p.m., when Dr. Burns, of Toronto, preached and thereafter addressed the audience. An adjourment to the site of the intended erection had been arranged for in the programme, but the heavy rain prevented it; and, after addresses from Mr. Ewing, the pastor of the church, it was resolved to adjourn till nine a.m. next day. The weather still continuing unfavorable the service was contracted within half an hour. After prayer by Mr. Ewing and a statements of the contents of the phial duly scaled, it was handed to Dr. Burns and by him laid in its appointed receptacle, and the usual forms gone through, and thereafter a brief address having been made by him and the blessing pronounced, the meeting adjourned. In the phial, were placed a list of the congregation and office-bearers and others officially connected with the erection ; coins of the province, &c. The site is admirably chosen ; the plan of the building is commodious and elegant; and the prospects altogether very favorable.

WEST CHURCH, TORONTO.—The congregation of the West Church have given a call to the Rev. R. Wallace of Drummondville and Thorold. MITCHELL.—We referred in our last Number to the ordination and induction of the Rev. J. W. Mitchell.

The newly ordained pastor was introduced to the Congregation on the following Sabbath by the Rev. Dr. Burns, who preached in the morning to a large and attentive Congregation, on Ps. 51. 18. "Do good in thy good gleasure unto Zion, &c." Mr. Mitchell preached in the afternoon, taking for the subject of his discourse Rom. 1. 16. "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." Dr. Burns conducted the service in the evening. The Congregation was very large. His subject was 2 Cor. 3. 18. "But we all, with open face, &c." The attention given and interest manifested wore very marked. The people of Mitchell will long remember this visit of the venerable father of our Church who is deeply revered and loved here as elsewhere throughout the Church.

NEWCASTLE.—The Rev. George Riddell on leaving his charge for a short season, to recruit his health, was presented by the Newcastle Section of his Congregation, with a handsome sum, as a token of their regard. This is only one of many marks of their esteem and affection, which he has from time to time received.

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