

### Collections for Schemes in St. John

The following is the amount of collections made in St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N. B., for the Schemes of the Church during the past year :—

1. Young Men's Bursary Scheme.....	\$43 75
2. Foreign Mission.....	52 49
3. Home Mission.....	70 00
4. Synod Fund.....	52 18
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$218 42</b>

### Campbellton.

Statement of amount collected for the Home Mission Scheme, as per subscription books :

Campbellton District, David J. Fraser.....	\$27 41
Head of the Tide " Adam Duncan.....	35 95
Flat Lands " Alex. Duncan.....	23 39
Glencoe and Glenlinot District, David Duncan.....	5 00
Aboyne Settlement and Point de la Garde District, John Fair.....	8 70
Kempt Road and Cross Point District, Alex. Calder.....	15 89
Matepedia Road, Geo. Dickson, jr.....	14 99
Upsalquitch and Main River, J. Nurra.....	10 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$141 33</b>

After paying the supplement which Mr. Murray has hitherto received from the Colonial and Home Mission Committee, amounting to \$121.33, there remains from the above a balance of \$20, which has been retained as the congregational contribution to the Synod Fund.

The whole sum collected by this congregation during the past year, including minister's stipend, Church door collections, collections for schemes, and payment of arrears due the estate of the late Rev. James Steven, amounts to something like \$1612. All this is the more creditable to the congregation, as subscriptions for various other benevolent objects have at the same time been taken up in the community.

JAMES RITCHIE,  
Chairman of Trustees.  
W. MOTT, Sec'y.

### The Census of 1871 in P. E. I.

As it may be interesting to know the comparative strength of the different religious bodies in P. E. Island, we subjoin the following statement, as given in the *Patriot* of the 18th May :

"In 1861, we numbered 80,552 souls, now we have a population of about 93,500. Divided into religious denominations, and compared with 1861, they stand in round numbers thus :

	1871.	1861.	Ratio	Increase
R. Catholics.....	40,450	35,852	113	per cent
Presbyterians.....	30,000	25,862	164	"
Wesleyans.....	8,920	5,804	41	"
Episcopalians.....	7,150	6,785	54	"
Baptists.....	4,290	3,450	24	"
Bible Christians.....	2,650	2,061	28	"

In Charlottetown and Royalty, the relative numbers are as follows :

	1871.	1861.	Ratio	Increase
R. Catholics.....	3,328	2,550	304	per cent
Wesleyans.....	1,791	1,330	34	"
Presbyterians.....	1,602	1,013	57	"
Episcopalians.....	1,507	1,440	48	"
Bible Christians.....	272	112	142	"
Baptists.....	562	185	37	"

In both these tables, the term "Presbyterians" includes both the Presbyterians of the Church of Scotland and the Lower Provinces.

The Kirk, we believe, numbers 11,500, and the P. C. L. P. over 18,000. Our increase in the capital is large, and the increase is shared by both branches, but chiefly by the Kirk. The true way of estimating the ratio of increase of the Church is not by comparing the ratio of a large Church with that of a small one, —for, in the case of the latter, the accidental addition of a few souls may double the per centage, as we find was the case with "the Bible Christians" in Charlottetown. The right way, of course, with large churches, is to see if the increase of their numbers keeps pace with the general increase of the population; and, looking at the only two large denominations in the Island from this point of view, we find that while the Presbyterians are keeping pace with the population, the Roman Catholics are not. We are the more surprised at this because we know that there has been a large emigration of late years from the most exclusively Presbyterian districts;—two sections of Belfast thus being 200 less of a population now than in 1861; and because, owing to the death of the late Revd. D. McDonald, many of his people have not had the pastoral supervision they were so long accustomed to. The results of the census we therefore consider very gratifying.