

Montreal, and St. Andrew's, Ottawa. In dealing with such reports, which, we may say, we are always very glad to receive, we have no desire to criticise; our object is rather to cull from them, if we can, something that may be of use to other congregations. The figures placed after the names of these congregations indicate the last year's contributions, respectively, for all purposes.

(1) Perth: \$1859.43. The receipts upon the whole are rather less than last year, but there is no reason for discouragement. The number of the membership remains, notwithstanding a greater mortality than usual, about the same. There was paid for stipend, \$1000, for contingent fund, \$318, for the manse fund \$142, for mission schemes, &c., \$379, and for other purposes, \$98. The subscription lists are given with great exactness; first the number of every pew, then the name of the occupant, opposite which the individual contribution for stipend, and missions. The manse pew comes first and its occupants appear to give for missions many times more than the average, indeed, only one pew-holder gives half so much! (2) Stratford: \$3752.20. The revenue has been steadily increasing these five years past. The average sabbath collection from 500 to 600 persons is \$20, made up as follows,—250 give *one cent* each, 250 give *five cents*, 25 give *ten cents*, and 10 give *twenty five cents*. The comment upon this in the report is,—“It is simply surprising that grown-up people who can afford better, and particularly heads of families, should think of offering one cent pieces for sustaining Gospel ordinances.” The inference deduced from the analysis—pass it along the line, all the way from Cape North to the mouth of the Fraser River—is, “*that a large number of people fail to bear their proper share of the expenditure of the Church.*” The number of families is 125, and of communicants, 279. The stipend is \$1200. The contributions for the schemes, \$261 50. (3) Toronto (Knox Church): \$11 545.35. A debt of \$15,000, incurred in extensive

additions to the Church, absorbs \$1100 annually for the interest; in view of this the Trustees “strongly recommend the adoption of the *envelope system* for the *weekly offerings.*” There is a large staff of office-bearers—22 Elders and 20 Deacons, each having his allotted district. Prayer meetings in the several districts are regularly held with encouraging results. A Ladies' Visiting Association has been formed, and a large number of ladies have volunteered their services to make monthly visits throughout the congregation. The number of communicants on the roll is 740. The stipend is \$4,000, and the total contributions for the schemes \$2,147.36. Four hundred copies of the RECORD are circulated. (4) Free Church, Côté St., Montreal: \$12,656.42. This charge is vacant at present by the translation of Rev. Dr. Burns to Halifax. The congregation have resolved to dispose of their property and build a new church in the Western part of the city. District prayer meetings are held weekly. The elders visit their districts quarterly. The missionary collectors visit their districts once a month to receive contributions for the schemes of the Church, &c. The amount disbursed by this department last year was \$4,459.14. The Ladies' Visiting and Aid Society meets once a week during the working season. (5) Ottawa: \$8,768.87. The Kirk-Session recommend the adoption of the “*Schedule system*” as the best method of securing contributions to the schemes of the Church. They also act upon the belief that every family in the Church should be supplied with a copy of the *Record*, for their information regarding the work and the wants of the Church at large. The number of families is 281, of communicants, 386. The stipend is \$2,500 and the contributions to the schemes \$536.

In all these congregations there are large and flourishing Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes and other appliances suited to their varied circumstances, and conducive to their thorough equipment as active, working churches.

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