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Mission purposes of
Treasury of the Pres.

of last year.

\$993 15
\$673 62

\$1080 47

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Amount contributed to Fund.	Amount received from Fund.
\$17 68	
135 13	\$521 50
105 93	
376 04	315 85
431 05	385 40
434 78	294 40
1138 31	1003 68
424 30	364 05
1002 94	117 50
380 50	
660 54	1083 50
369 18	
434 69	370 86
62 51	536 86
\$6703 57	\$4993 60

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That is to say, a fraction less than one-third of the whole church numerically has done nothing for the fund during last year. In some cases also where there are more than one congregation in a charge, some of the congregations have sent nothing.

All the other Presbyteries have co-operated and remitted contributions according to the injunction of last Synod.

In the various Presbyteries the congregations not contributing to the General Fund, amount to,—Montreal, (which has its own Home Mission Treasury), 32, Ottawa 8, Brockville 6, Kingston 5, Cobourg 3, Ontario 1, Toronto 2, Guelph 8, Hamilton 2, Paris 6, London 6, Stratford 4, Huron 5, Grey 8, in all, 96. The list of contributions which have not contributed will be found in Appendix D. It is also deserving of notice, that while some Presbyteries have exerted themselves and doubled the contributions of previous years, other Presbyteries have done very little towards maintaining our Home Mission operations. To individual congregations this remark is even more applicable. The small sums contributed by some large congregations, and the entire neglect of the scheme by others, indicate a lamentable want of interest in a portion of the church. The Committee are of opinion that if all congregations were to contribute in a liberal intelligent manner, the funds accruing would be amply sufficient for the work to which the church has put forth her hand.

Before leaving the subject of Finances it may be well to notice that the expenses have been considerable. Hereafter, however, it is hoped they may be less. The item of travelling expenses is particularly heavy. Though only a part of the Committee attended, and of these only such as remained till the close of the meetings have their expenses noted; still the five meetings entail an expense of \$137 60. These claims of members have not been ordered to be paid until the Synod shall decide out of what fund they are to come, and the Committee hope that in some way the expenses for travelling may be much lessened for time to come.

VI.—GRANTS IN AID.

In granting aid to Stations and Weak Congregations, the Committee have endeavored to pay due regard to the peculiar circumstances of each locality. Before aid is granted, information is always required from the Presbytery, as to the amount which the Station or Congregation can raise. \$400 was fixed upon as the *minimum*, and aid has been granted so as to bring the salary of the Missionary or Minister up to this amount. In many cases, though this is the *rate* of grant, as supply is only afforded to the Station for half time or even less, the amount *paid* to the Station is far below the proposed grant. To encourage Stations as much as possible, and to prevent the abuse of unconditional grants, the Committee promised to pay, at a rate fixed for each individual Station, for every Sabbath that divine service was conducted in such Station, requiring only the certified report of the Presbytery of the bounds that such service was rendered. Beyond this fixed amount promised, the Committee do not hold themselves responsible for the salary of any Missionary.

The proposed grants for Mission Stations, supposing them to be continually supplied, amounts to \$5,972, or at half time, say \$3,000. Those to Weak Congregations amount to \$3,027, making a total of \$6,027. The amount contributed last year, exclusive of contributions from the Presbytery of Montreal, (the proposed grants to which Presbytery amount to \$1,710) and of the grant from Ireland, is within a few dollars of this estimated expenditure. There can, therefore, be no doubt of the income meeting this proposed ex-