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In a former article I draw attention to the immediate and urgent necessity of each member of our Church contributing liberally to her support.

In no other way can the funds now required be raised. Our Home Mission Scheme must be prosecuted vigorously. And our Supplementing Fund must receive a wide and generous support. Congregations indifferent or remiss hitherto ought no longer to withhold from a scheme already successfully inaugurated, notwithstanding the limited support it has received.

Next year about 1300 dollars will be required to bring the Stipend of the assisted charges up to even a very moderate salary. Interest on the Supplementing Fund will amount to about 150 dollars, which will leave \$1150 to be collected from other sources. All the resources of our Congregations, such as to warrant the hope that the requisite amount can be contributed. It remains to be seen whether their liberality will accord with their means. Our Town-charges, which are regarded as the centres of wealth, must take hold of schemes for our Church with energy and enthusiasm, and give on a much larger scale than they have done in the past. Unless they set an example of liberality to the country charges, much need not be expected from the latter.

The collection for the Home Mission Fund must be made promptly

within the specified time. Every adult should be asked to give. There are young men and women who are able to contribute and are not asked. the collector thinking it quite enough if one member of the household has given. Many an additional dollar might be collected by a little more persistency on the part of the Collectors. In most Congregations the best method of collecting will be by Cards. This is the mode enjoined by Synod, and it ought to be observed by our Congregations unless they are sure that more can be raised in some other way.

Let our Congregations resolve to work our Home Mission Scheme energetically.

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St. Andrews Congregation, Pictou contains within its boundaries three hundred and fifty families. Of these upwards of one hundred households are to be found inside the Town limits. The remainder are scattered over a large extent of Country including Green Hill, Abercrombie Point, Frasers Point, Fishers Grant, Three Mile House, Scotch Hill, Pictou Island, in the Strait of Northumberland (which happy Island has twentyfive families,) Carribou Island and the vast region known as Carribou proper.

We believe the Rev. Mr. Burnet has visited all or nearly all the families connected with his congregation in this wide parish. Mr. Burnet's zeal and ardour are only excelled by his unremitting toil and herculean labours.

The Congregation is full of zeal in supporting ordinances in their