

Toronto.—Streetsville, Stayner and Bowmore, 2, with nine stations.
 Guelph —Doon and Hespeler; Woolwich and Berlin, 3; with one station.
 Hamilton.—Flamboro, Dunnville and Cayuga, 2; with two stations.
 Paris.—Two mission stations and a vacancy.
 London.—St. Thomas; Ridgetown, 2; two stations.
 Stratford.—One station.
 Huron.—St. Helen's, 1.

Grey —Paisley; Rocky Saugeen, 2; two vacancies.

In all twenty settled charges, and thirty-two mission stations, or vacancies, have not contributed. (Several of the above have since contributed.)

Though there is a decrease in some, in others a gratifying increase meets us. Still, however, it is to be regretted that such cases occur as the following:

From a congregation receiving a very large supplement, and having 111 communicants, the munificent sum of \$2 is received; while another congregation receiving a little more than one-third what the former does as supplement, and with 116 communicants, contributes \$55. A self-sustaining congregation in one of the best districts of the Province of Ontario, having 134 communicants, sends in \$2, while another one adjoining, with 68 communicants, sends in \$20.

One of our city congregations for two years has contributed nothing; another with 563 communicants pays in \$115, or 20c. per member; a second wealthy city congregation with 375 communicants, pays in \$38 51, or 11c per member. A third city congregation with 273 communicants, pays in \$20, or 7½c. per member; a fourth with 425 communicants, pays in \$25, or at the rate of 5½c. per member; while in one of our large towns a congregation with 222 communicants, pays in \$350, or a Dollar and a half per member; a city congregation pays at the rate of 80c. per member, and many of our small country congregations contribute at the rate of 50c. per member. These are only illustrations of the unequal manner in which the burden of our home mission operations is borne. This inequality of contributions is a serious evil, and the attention of Presbyteries is invited to it, that it may be remedied. With an average liberality throughout the whole church, our income would be almost doubled, and a just cause of dissatisfaction would be removed.

On review of the whole state of the finances it is manifest, that unless there is an increase in contributions throughout the church, the Committee must curtail its operations, and reduce the grants which have been made.

IV. GRANTS IN AID

As already stated, the amount of the grants have been in a great number of cases increased during the year. In a few instances they have been reduced, and in one case the congregation has by an effort become self-sustaining, and the last half-year's supplement was paid back by the minister. Such unselfish conduct, both in people and minister, forms a pleasing contrast with the tendency too often manifested by congregations to lean on the Central Fund, and take as much from it as possible, sparing themselves. It would aid the Committee very much, if Presbyteries before transmitting the application of congregations for supplement, would *invariably* make careful enquiry as to what is being done by the people. The Committee have had during the year, in a few instances to delay to make grants, as they had no evidence to satisfy them that due enquiry had been made by the Presbytery; and in some cases when the attention of the Presbytery had been directed to the matter, the applications have not been followed up, as these courts found another course of procedure called for.

The addition to the lists during the year have been ten mission stations and sixteen supplemented congregations. While as has been already observed it is desirable that settlements should be effected in our mission stations as quickly as possible, and the Committee are disposed to do all in their power by liberal grants to accomplish this, the attention of the Synod is respectfully called to a serious drawback in the prosperity of our work, unless Presbyteries use discretion. Last Synod empowered the Committee to make, when they saw fit, the