

PRESBYTERIES.	No. OF CON- GREGATIONS.	No OF CON- TRIBUTORS.	AMOUNT SENT.
Montreal.....	30	.....	.....
Ottawa.....	20	.....	.....
Brockville.....	19	.....	.....
Kingston.....	13	.....	.....
Huron.....	17	.....	.....
London.....	33	1	\$5 00
Cobourg.....	24	2	15 17
Hamilton.....	33	2	13 70
Guelph.....	17	3	26 10
Toronto.....	53	11	120 78
Paris.....	20	5	82 86
Stratford.....	19	5	118 00
Grey.....	21	2	50 85
Ontario.....	20	10	209 74
	339	41	\$642 20

It thus appears, that rather less than one-eighth of the congregations in this body, paid attention to the appointment of Synod, and that out of fourteen Presbyteries, *three* raised rather more than *two-thirds* of all that was contributed. Is this to be the gauge of the amount of respect in which our Synod is held as a body? and if so, is not our whole system a rope of sand?

With your leave, I may go over the other funds in a similar way. Meanwhile,
I am yours, obediently,

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P.S.—On further examination. I must qualify my statement about *blanks*, so far as *three* congregations in the Presbytery of Ontario, and one in the Presbytery of Grey, are concerned. These have fulfilled *all* Synodical requirements, and all honor to them. There may be others which I have not noticed; but they can, at best, be but few.

[Without wishing to weaken the general effect of our correspondent's remarks, or to make any apology for the neglect of Synodical appointments, we may state that last year, and indeed at the very time when the interim regulations connected with Home Missions were adopted in Montreal, in June, 1861, there was very general misunderstanding as to the working of the Central Fund. We do not seek to account for this misunderstanding, as the regulations themselves are pretty intelligible. But we know that there has been misunderstanding, and that some Presbyteries have, apparently, had the impression that they might either administer their Home Mission Funds themselves, or throw them into the Synodical Fund, as they judged most expedient. We believe that all the Presbyteries of the Church have attended with commendable faithfulness to the injunction of Synod to receive from each congregation a contribution for Home Mission purposes, as will be seen from the Statistical and Financial Returns appended to the minutes. But in regard to the disposal of the moneys thus raised, there has been no uniform course followed. In most Presbyteries the contributions have been cast into a Presbytery Home Mission Fund, and employed accordingly. It is to be hoped, that greater uniformity of action will be followed this year, and that our regulations, even though only *interim*, will be more closely adhered to. It is evident that there will be various claims on the Synodical Fund, which must, in justice to the parties concerned, be met. We trust that the Home Mission Committee will, at its first meeting, take steps to bring the matter before the church, and suggest some uniform course.—*EDITOR.*]