

can give them to pay their way and enable them to look comfortably into the faces of their brethren. If you have treated your minister shabbily during the past year you will most certainly be exposed and put to the blush before the whole Church. You cannot imagine what pain it gives a minister to confess before a whole Synod that his congregation have failed to fulfil their promises.

Let your collections for the various Schemes of the Church be promptly forwarded to one or other of the Treasurers. If you have forgotten or overlooked any of the Schemes now is the time to make amends for your neglect. The Synod in October left the 'time and mode' for taking subscriptions and collections to the decision of Sessions.

In order to refresh the minds of some congregations we will give a list of the Schemes of the Church for which Collections and Subscriptions are required:—

1. COLLECTION FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION.—The necessity for this collection was fully explained in the *Record* for April.

2. FOREIGN MISSIONS.—We need not add one word as to the necessity of being prompt and liberal in the support of our Foreign Missions.

3. HOME MISSIONS.—This is but another name for Church Extension. Our existence as a Church depends on the energy and liberality with which this Scheme is worked. There is great need for more funds at this very moment.

4. SYNOD FUND.—This Fund is intended to defray expenses connected with the meeting of Synod. These expenses must amount to a very considerable sum, say £200.

5. There are collections to be made for the proposed Church at Demirdesh—for defraying Expenses of Missionary Children, and also a Special Effort for Education.

It will greatly facilitate the operations of the Synod if the "Treasury" will be found fairly replenished.

We would also call the attention of all the Sessions in the body to the duty of filling up in good time the Blanks which will be immediately forwarded by the acting Synod Clerk, addressed to their respective ministers, and to be forwarded to Synod. Let the questions be so answered that the replies may be expressed in the Statistical Table by figures, and sent forward, whether the ministers attend the approaching Synodical meeting or not. We need scarcely add that it is peculiarly desirable that the returns, especially this year, should be numerous, full and accurate.

Let us pray that the approaching Synod may prove a most delightful one, useful alike to ministers and people, strengthening us in each others affections, intensifying our faith in God and our devotion to His cause. If, by the grace of God, we have accomplished much as a Church, how much more remains to be done—and the meeting of Synod is just the time for looking to the past that we may avoid its errors, and to the future that we may be equal to its emergencies. Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due time we shall reap if we faint not.

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## THE TESTIMONY OF MIRACLES.

"The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me."—  
JOHN x. 25

Men of learning and ability, as well as those who have been denied these gifts, are sometimes guilty of strange inconsistencies. And of these none