

bath, therefore, it follows that *one cent* is the average contribution per worshipper, at each Sabbath Service in the cities and towns. It would be interesting to know how many of these citizens give one cent each morning to the little ragged boy who sweeps the crossing that lies between his residence and his place of business.

There is no easier nor better way of increasing the revenue of congregations than by members enlarging their Sabbath-day contributions; a well directed and united effort in this direction would easily quadruple the amount at present received from this source—and nobody would miss it! That this is no visionary idea, a case in point is selected from the Statistical Returns—that of Lindsay, which, according to numbers, stands at the head of the list of ordinary Sabbath Collections. Numbering 60 families, 36 Communicants, and having an average attendance of 120, their Sabbath Collections amount to \$226,50, being \$6.29 to each Communicant per annum, and \$1.88 cents for each worshipper. In this case the contribution *per Sabbath* from each Communicant is, after all, but $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents, and for each individual $3\frac{3}{8}$ cents. Were each congregation to give in the same proportion, based on Communicants, our revenue would be \$93,406, or if that were too much to expect, taking the standard of attendance, we should have \$46,024 per annum, instead of the paltry sum of \$11,672.

Three Congregations were met with who make no Sabbath Collections. In one case enquiry was instituted as to the reason. *Conscientious scruples* were assigned by an old elder, who submitted that he and others thought it *sinful* to collect money on the Lord's day which might be applied to secular purposes "such as digging post holes around a minister's garden." The fallacy is plausible: but, "facts are stubborn chieils;" the fact fatal to our elder's argument in this case, being, that there happened to be no minister's manse, nor garden, belonging to that Congregation!

THE HOME MISSION SCHEME.

The Synodical Schemes of the Church are four in number, viz., the Home Mission Scheme, the Ministers Widows' and Orphan's Fund, the Bursary, and the French Mission Schemes, for each of them a collection is appointed by Synod to be taken in all the Con-

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