

The third fact which I adduce is in connection with the Home Mission Scheme. The portion of the sum of £81,740, raised for Home Mission purposes, as per *Missionary Record* for July, is £4425. But from p. 6 of the Home Mission Report, I find that the entire sum given in this way by the Church last year was £33,000. It may be said that this sum is an estimate. It is, however, not made by me. It is made by the Committee, and sanctioned by the General Assembly. Behind their authority I may shelter myself in adopting it. It is also true that a portion of this sum consists of local supplements raised by chapels for self-support. These amount (in round numbers) to £7000, and I therefore take this from the sum of £33,000, leaving £26,000 as the true Home Mission revenue of the Church, given apart from self-support.

The three sums which thus fall to be added to the Church's benefactions for the year are:

Education	£23,971
Church Collections for Poor	9,652
Home Mission Revenue	26,000
	£59,623

These, be it remembered again, are no estimates of mine. As some portions of two of the sums thus indicated are already acknowledged in the *Record*, it will not do roughly to add this sum of nearly £60,000 to the £80,000 officially stated; and I therefore subjoin a list of the Church's gifts for charitable purposes, altogether apart from self-support

For Home purposes:—	
The Poor	£9,652
Education	23,971
Home Missions	26,000
Endowment	38,516
Ladies' Gaelic Association	447
	£98,586
For Foreign purposes:—	
India	£4,589
Jews	3,728
Colonies	8,638
Female Education in India	1,963
Education of Jewish Females	334
Ghospara Mission	125
	14,377
	£112,963

But I must protest against its being supposed that this is anything like a complete representation of the benefactions of the Church. It is a statement without estimate of mine; and my complaint is, that the Church does not do simple justice to herself. Either she should publish nothing or the whole. But she publishes a part; and seems quite content to allow her enemies and the public to regard it as the whole, and to found upon it an argument to her disfavour and injury.

Though we cannot as yet obtain accurate statistics of what the whole Church is doing,

we can fortunately do so as regards certain presbyteries, synods, and individual parishes. I proceed to mention a few of these where I have the facts at hand.

The Presbytery of Edinburgh has for some years obtained a statement of the sums raised by the parish churches, within its bounds, for charitable purposes. For the year 1862-63, the amount was £10,486, 4s. 3½d., whereas the collections for the Schemes from these churches were only £1900.

The presbytery of Paisley makes a return of the same kind. For the year ending April 1863, the sum returned was £8188; while its church collections in the *Record* were £286, 8s. 2d.

The presbytery of Aberdeen, by a report presented in October 1863, collected at the church-door, for the Schemes, £1079, 0s. 4½d., and in all the sum of £4289, 8s. 1½d.

The synod of Aberdeen, for that year, gave by church collections (as per *Record*) £2340, 14s. 1½d.; but in all the sum of £11,963, 1s. 7½d.

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CAMPBELTOWN.—*Lowland Church*.—On account of his Grace the Duke of Argyll, the patron, having failed to present a minister to this vacant charge, a meeting of the congregation was held in the Church on Tuesday. The Rev. J. C. Russell having opened the meeting with prayer, Sheriff Gardiner was called to the chair. Mr. Robert Colville moved—That as the Presbytery meet on Wednesday, a committee be appointed from this meeting to ask that reverend body to present this charge to the Rev. Mr. M'Pherson, Trochachan; and in the event of his not accepting it, that they give a new leet to the congregation. Capt. Macneal of Ugadale proposed that they should leave it to the Presbytery to appoint either Mr. Cameron, of Dundee, Canada, or Mr. M'Pherson; and, on its being put to the vote, Mr. Colville gained his motion by a majority of three votes. Capt. Macneal then rose and said that while he would deplore any bad feeling in the congregation, still he was certain that Mr. Colville's motion would not meet the wishes of the congregation, as Mr. Cameron, so far as he could learn, appeared to be the favorite; yet, for the sake of that unanimity which was ever to be appreciated in a congregation, he had no objection that the minute be worded in this manner—That, as Mr. M'Pherson was in the patron's leet, it be offered him first, but in the event of his having accepted Inverary, or from any other cause refusing it, that the charge be given to Mr. Cameron. On Mr. Colville objecting, it was put to the vote, when it was carried by a majority of 18. Mr. D. Corkindale, of Crookhaan, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Russell for filling the pulpit during the vacancy, which was heartily