

From this table it appears that as compared with last year *Eight* Presbyteries have increased their contributions to the amount of \$1313 25, while the contributions of the other *six* have decreased by \$607.50. Deducting this last sum from the former, and adding \$461.60 of increase from other sources, we have a net increase of contributions from the whole Church of \$1167.35. *Ten* Presbyteries have increased their expenditure by \$1439.72, while the remaining *four* have decreased theirs by \$439.52. This last sum together with \$244.30 decrease in sundry expenses deducted from \$1439 72 shews a net increase of \$775 00. *Eight* Presbyteries expend more than they contribute, amounting in all to \$2547 93, while *six* Presbyteries contribute \$1910.89 more than they expend. This sum with \$240.90 contributed from various sources, and in excess of sundry expenses, when deducted from the above mentioned excess of expenditure, leaves \$396.14 total excess of expenditure above contributions. That is, during last year \$396.14 more was paid out of the fund than came into it ; a sum very nearly equalled by the extraordinary expenditure mentioned above.

It further appears that the Presbyteries contributing the greatest amounts are the largest Presbyteries, viz., Toronto which pays in \$1491 78, London which pays in \$1213.35, Montreal which pays in \$953 30, and Hamilton which pays in \$902.28. At the same time the rate of contribution per number by these Presbyteries is, in Toronto, 28 cents, London 31 cents, Montreal 22 cents, and Hamilton 22 cents; the Presbytery of Kingston shows the highest rate of contributions, viz., 51 cents per member. Ontario with 28 cents and Cobourg with 24 cents, rival the larger Presbyteries.—while Grey contributes only 9 cents, Huron and Brockville 11 cents, Paris 13 cents, and Ottawa 17 cents. The largest amount expended by any Presbytery is \$2012.40 by the Presbytery of London, this, however, includes \$400 for Huxton, and \$100 for Kankakee. The next largest amount is \$1652 expended by Presbytery of Montreal. The Presbyteries which pay most into the fund, after defraying their own expenses, are Hamilton, which shews an overplus of \$589 75, and Toronto, which shews \$556 93. The Presbyteries receiving the largest sums over their contributions are, London, which receives \$799.02, and Montreal, which receives \$698.74. The Presbytery of Grey receives more than three times what it contributes, Brockville more than two and a half times as much, Montreal and London not far from twice the amount.

The church in Ireland has not, as in former years, favoured us with a grant. The Committee, also, has considerably increased both the number of grants and their amount. The result has been that the expenditure has exceeded the income, as shown above, and consequently the balance on hand at the end of the year is less than last year.

The state of the fund is	\$2713.17
Balance on hand April 1, 1867	9504.62
Congregational and other contributions	\$12,517 19
Deduct amount paid to Presbyteries, &c	10,350.16

Leaving Balance on hand April 1, 1868	2,167 03
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The Presbytery of Montreal has during the year kept a separate treasury, receiving and disbursing its own contributions. The payments made to stations by this Presbytery have been for the most part in accordance with the grants of the Committee, and the balance on hand has been paid over into the Central Fund.

There is a pleasing decrease in the number of congregations which have not contributed to the fund. The following is a list of such :

- Montreal.—Quebec, (2 years,) Indian Lands; St. Joseph Street, Montreal
- Richmond and Winslow, 5.
- Ottawa.—Pembroke, Fitzroy and Tarbolton, 2.
- Kingston.—Two vacancies.
- Cobourg.—Springville and Lakevale, 1 ; with two vacancies, 2.
- Ontario — One vacancy.