

Let us suppose that during *one-fourth* only of the Sabbaths of the year the Board should pay one half of the expense of supply for 20 stations, we have an outlay of £195. If we add to this £50 for Gaelic Catechists, who do much work as we are assured for very small compensation, and then reckon an average supplement of £16 each to 14 congregations, making £224, we require a revenue of £469 to meet our outlay.

The sum of £500 per annum should therefore be placed at the disposal of the Board, if they are expected to carry out the directions of Synod and to meet the requests of Presbyteries, watching over the interests of the different stations under their charge.

Nor would any formidable difficulty be formed in accomplishing this, if some plan of systematic contribution were generally attempted, or even if all the ministers of the body would bring the subject before their people and request either subscription or collection. Were each communicant to give a single quarter dollar, we would have our five hundred pounds and a balance to meet the difficulties of some new stations, which would at once be organized. If every hearer were to give two cents each per week, for *one month only*, we should have all the funds we require. We do not indeed expect the Church's liberality to assume this particular form, but we do believe that if every congregation gave its contribution, the want would be supplied and every congregation benefited. The sum of £354 5s. 1½d., which appears on the face of the Statistical Table of 1861, was raised by 56 congregations, while 85 is the whole number in the body. Assume that circumstances rendered it impracticable for nine of these to contribute anything, yet where are the 20? If these would contribute £5 each, our funds would be handsomely augmented.

Without claiming any right of dictation, we only fulfil our duty when we respectfully suggest and ask:

1st. That each congregation which has neglected to contribute during the past year, should attend to this duty at an early day; and we appeal to the ministers and elders to take the necessary steps. We do not know of a single congregation enjoying the regular ministrations of the sanctuary, that might not with advantage to themselves, help in sending a portion to the destitute.

2ndly. That congregations which have contributed, should, if practicable, furnish us with a *second benefit*, a small sum additional. We know that "it is more blessed to give than to receive," and we do not wish to conceal the fact, that our hopes of prompt support rest chiefly on those who by cultivating liberality in times past, *have experienced that blessedness*.

3rdly. We would invite the liberality of individuals and local religious societies, to aid in the diffusion of religious truth in these Provinces, and we would especially look for the aid of the friends of Zion individually, in congregations in which the office-bearers have denied them the privilege of taking part in any joint contribution for this object.

Do any members of our Church meet this appeal, by saying, "*Diminish the No. of your Mission stations.*" Shall we then cast them off as a source of weakness? We should as soon advise you to cast off your children who are under age as a source of weakness. 'Tis true their support now demands an additional effort, but it is equally true that these dependant ones will soon be the glory and strength of the family, "Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate."

"Diminish the number of your aid receiving congregations!" We grant