

This is a better exhibit than could be made at the same date for several years, chiefly however, from the returns from Mr. Grant's and Dr. McKay's meetings. That there is still an urgent need for early remittances from many congregations, will appear from the fact that at the least, five hundred pounds stg., nearly \$3000, should be remitted to the New Hebrides not later than November 1st to meet salaries for 1882.

#### DAYSPRING AND MISSION SCHOOLS.

Balance against the fund	
May 1st	\$ 452.25
Expenditure for Mission Schools in Trinidad	657.13 1109.38
Receipts	196.33

Balance due Treas. \$913.05

And \$1266 wanted for the Dayspring by Nov. 1st. In other words, \$2000 are wanted from our Sabbath Schools and children as soon as they can raise it! Cards have just been sent out to all, as in years past; but the best way surely is to have regular Mission Box collections going on, all the year round. The Sabbath Schools that raise money thus, not only give more, but their teachers have the satisfaction of knowing, that to a much greater extent, the children give their own money, and are being trained to give cheerfully of their own.

#### HOME MISSIONS.

Balance due Treasurer	
May 1st	\$ 653.23
Payments during 4 mos.	508.00 1161.23
Receipts	828.74

Balance due Treas. \$332.49

The adverse balance has thus been reduced by \$300 and upwards; but on the other hand, the whole payments for Catechists during the summer, will be due by Nov. 1st; and how can these be met unless the Home Mission Fund is largely replenished? The Assembly time for collections for Home Missions comes on the first Sabbath of October.

#### SUPPLEMENTING FUND.

Debt contracted during years up to May 1st '80 \$1017.33

Debt contracted last year arising from the withdrawal of all Scottish grants	1104.48
Payments on July 1st 1881 for half year	1740.55 3868.30
Receipts for four months	663.14

Balance due Treasurer \$3205.22

By direction of the Assembly, the old debt is, for the year, to be set aside, and the sum that the Maritime Church is asked to raise consists of \$1104.48, the deficiency of last year, and \$4534, voted for supplements, making together \$5638.48, the whole sum required being close on \$6000. This will not and cannot be raised, unless a larger number of congregations contribute; and unless the rate of giving is very generally increased. But the fact that demands special attention is that unless efforts are made early in the season, both by presbyteries and ministers in their congregations, that which has never yet taken place, will be forced on the Treasurer. He must pay at the rate of 75 per cent. This can, and ought to be prevented.

Of all, this is the most clamant. Your columns contain proposals and appeals for the future. Let them be well weighed, but let present claims and present duty have full and early attention.

#### COLLEGE FUND.

Balance due May 1st '81	
on a series of years	\$1691.20
Payments since May 1st 2685.30	4376.50
Receipts	2909.14

Balance due Treas. \$1463.36

Showing thus far a reduction of debt in the year, of \$223.84, the explanation being that although only one-third of the financial year has elapsed, the fund has had the benefit of a full half year's dividends and interest. Not 20 congregations have as yet contributed, and if all will do their share heartily, notwithstanding our increased expenditure, our income will meet it, but if 20 or 30 congregations determine to do nothing, the prospect of the fund will be seriously affected. The