

number, for in the column for communicants 21 congregations are represented by blanks.

But supposing the average contribution from each communicant were only 25 cents per month, the aggregate would amount to \$29,964 or £7,491; which sum after yielding £1000 to each of the three great schemes of the church, and £491 for the Synod fund and expenses of collecting and disbursing, would afford an equal dividend of £50 to 80 pastors or £44 to 90.

14. That if all the ministers, other office-bearers and members of the church give their hearty and conscientious support to this method, much more than we have ventured to anticipate will be accomplished; and all the schemes of the church will be put in such a state of efficiency as to enable us to go forward in the great work of church extension, ministerial education, and Foreign Missions in a manner never yet attained to.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

The following is the deliverance of the Synod in reference to the above Report:—

The Rev. William Murray read the report of the Committee on Systematic giving, submitting a plan for securing regular monthly contributions of all office-bearers, members and adherents of this Church. The report was received and the diligence of the committee approved. The committee was re-appointed, and directed after revision to publish their scheme in the *Record*; and though the Synod, for want of time for discussion, cannot at present give it their formal sanction, yet they desire the committee to keep it before the Church during the year.

The members of the committee being resident far apart there was no opportunity to hold a meeting since the rising of the last Synod. From the same cause they will not be able to meet till the meeting of Synod in June next. The Report is published now, in accordance with the direction of the Synod, without much revision.

It is earnestly hoped that its suggestions may receive the careful attention of all ministers and elders; so that when they meet in Synod in June next, they may be enabled to take some decided step to secure the end aimed at in this scheme, either by adopting the method above proposed, or something still better fitted to secure the same great object.

A HOME MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

The institution for the instruction of the Deaf mutes of the Lower Provinces, has already, we doubt not, taken a strong hold of the affections of our people. It is entitled to a high place in our hearts, and to frequent remembrance in our prayers. The interest with which it is now regarded may however, and we believe, *ought* to be more general and profound. Many of the truly benevolent among our people have very limited means of becoming acquainted with the real character and extent of the work done within its walls; and it is clearly the duty of those acquainted with *facts* which tend to bring the value of the Institution to light, to make these public.

It is from the desire to lay before our readers a few interesting facts, giving to the School a Home Mission aspect, that we pen this short article. Here is a part of our population who, in the mysterious arrangements of Divine Providence, cannot while under the parental roof be adequately instructed respecting the nature and character of God, their relations to Him, their responsibilities, their sinfulness or the way of salvation through the Lord our Redeemer.—In the Institution, this intense darkness is dissipated. The truths of Divine Revelation are gradually communicated, and of many pupils, some at least, have attained to an acquaintance with the facts and prominent truths in the Christian system, which will bear comparison with members of our own families, who have had all the advantages of parental instruction, supplemented by the aid of the day and Sabbath School teacher.

The last six weeks have afforded satisfactory evidence of this to various Churches in this city, to which pupils of the Institution sought admission as members, and into which, after affording satisfactory evidence of knowledge, earnestness and devoutness, they were received with feelings of joy and thanks giving to the God of all grace, to our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the Great Spirit, the enlightener and quickener of souls.

A few weeks ago, two pupils of Mr Hutton, after an examination regarded as in