

Let us all by individual efforts in pulpit and Sabbath-school, in family and in personal intercourse, and through organized agencies, continued to press upon all the people, the adoption of the Scriptural principles and of giving, till the fountains of liberality are wide opened and the offerings bearing blessings to men and bringing glory to God, flow forth from loving souls, possessed with the idea that giving is to be done for Christ's sake "*who though rich became poor that we through his poverty might be made rich.*"

RECOMMENDATIONS,

adopted by Synod,—

1. That all the members of our church be earnestly advised to adopt *proportionate* giving and weekly storing as a principle of their Christian stewardship.

1. That our congregations adopt the Weekly Offering with or without the envelope.

3. That every minister faithfully instruct his people in the Scriptural principles of giving and that he use means to keep his people informed concerning the work of our church and its claims upon their liberality.

4. That those who have the oversight and instruction of the young take special pains to train them to take an interest in, and give to, the work of our church.

5. That every presbytery appoint and maintain an active and efficient committee on Systematic Benevolence and endeavour to secure liberal contributions to all the schemes of the church from every congregation, and to have wiped out as far as possible all arrears of pastor's salary.

6. That the Synod recommend the practice of some presbyteries in publishing tables showing the gifts of their congregations compared with the proceeding year for information and stimulus.

7. That the committee prepare for distribution a tract containing a short statement of principles which should regulate individuals in their givings, and of the best methods for congregations to adopt in collecting church funds.

M. G. HENRY, Convener.

REPORT OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

PRESENTED TO THE SYNOD BY REV T. C. JACK, CONVENER.

The committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report that as near as they can

ascertain there were 532 schools under the care of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces during the year 1887, 125 in New Brunswick, 115 in Prince Edward Island, 290 in Nova Scotia including Bermuda, and two in Newfoundland.

Of these 397 have reported to us through their several Presbyteries as follows:—

In Miramichi Presbytery, 36 out of 50 registered schools, reporting 204 officers and teachers and 1542 scholars enrolled.

In St. John Presbytery 49 out of 75 registered schools reporting 424 officers and teachers and 3812 scholars enrolled.

In P. E. Island Presbytery 70 out of about 115 schools of which 105 are registered, reporting 392 officers and teachers and 3589 scholars enrolled,

In Truro Presbytery 39 out of 44 schools reporting 351 officers and teachers and 3044 scholars enrolled.

In Wallace Presbytery 30 out of 31 schools reporting 193 officers and teachers and 1791 scholars enrolled.

In Pictou Presbytery 38 out of 50 schools reporting 345 officers and teachers and 3044 scholars enrolled.

In Victoria and Richmond Presbytery 40 out of 43 schools reporting 127 officers and teachers and 1008 scholars enrolled.

In Halifax Presbytery 83 out of 86 schools reporting 606 officers and teachers and 4726 scholars enrolled.

And in Lunenburg and Shelburne Presbytery 12 out of 15 schools reporting 90 officers and teachers and 315 scholars enrolled.

The schools as reported average as follows:—In officers and teachers 6.9; in scholars on roll 57.8; in average attendance 40.5; in communicants added 1.45; in contributions collected \$20.97, (expended \$10.16 upon school \$9.16 upon schemes of the church and \$1.65 upon other objects.)

The most complete Presbyterian Report, a specially excellent one, was that received from the Presbytery of Halifax. It gives every evidence of most efficient Sabbath School work throughout that large Presbytery. Reports, it states, were obtained from all but three of the schools within the Presbytery. One of these in Bermuda the other two in Home Mission Stations. The Presbytery of Halifax is divided for the purpose of Sabbath School Supervision into seven districts, in each of which an annual Sabbath School Conference is held. The report states that "Mission Bands