

ern section closed the year, after the payment of all grants, with a balance on hand of \$3,000. The total revenue of the year—East and West—was \$32,121. The average grant given to these congregations to enable them to support their ministers is \$150. The regulations for the administration of this Scheme have been framed with more than ordinary care, so that the charge cannot truly be brought against it that it is a scheme for helping those who are unwilling to help themselves. It is necessary, before a congregation can receive aid from this fund, that it contribute an average of \$4.50 per communicant yearly, for the support of ordinances. The average contribution for stipend throughout the whole church, including its larger and wealthier as well as its poorer congregations, is \$4.79 per communicant. To require from augmented congregations a sum nearly equal to the average contributed by the church as a whole, seems almost a hardship. At any rate, it should remove the objection that the fund is helping those unwilling to help themselves. As a matter of fact, however, while the average contribution required is \$4.50 per communicant, the augmented congregations actually contributed last year \$6.80 per communicant for the support of ordinances, or 50 per cent. in excess of the average contribution throughout the whole church. Since this scheme was organized upon its present basis, in the year 1833, it has helped to self-support 361 congregations. In other words, there are to-day in our church 361 self-supporting charges, some of whom have become strong and influential, because of the help got from this Fund, and without which many of them would still be on the mission list. Not only so,