

by about \$700. The Congregational Collections amounted to \$2,798 23, the expenditure to \$3,521 41. The balance on hand amounts to \$5,590 99. This is encouraging, considering the monetary pressure that has been too severely felt in some parts of the Province. Still, taking into account the increasing numbers and resources of our Church, and the weight of our obligations, it comes far short of what we might and should do. The English Presbyterian Church, with numbers not much over a third of ours, collected last year for their Foreign Missions four times more than we.

MACHINERY NEEDED.

Your Committee are impressed with the idea, that had we the suitable machinery in operation, in all our Congregations and Sabbath Schools for the development of a systematic beneficence, we could realize yet greater things than we have ever attained or anticipated. While not disparaging the importance of our Annual Collections, your Committee feel how precarious and insufficient is the foundation which it supplies. They would strongly recommend the formation of Missionary Associations. These where they have been formed, in our Congregations already, have elicited a Missionary feeling, and enlisted personal effort which would otherwise have lain dormant in the Church, have secured the regular presentation of the great Missionary Enterprise fourfold. Let each Congregation, where it is feasible, be divided into small districts; let one or two Collectors be appointed to each, and subscriptions be taken up monthly by the Collectors, on a day to be intimated from the pulpit the previous Sabbath, and we are persuaded the result would astonish us. The scheme of Congregational Monthly Contributions for Missions recommended by the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, will be published in an early number of the *Record*, and will shew the machinery by which their Missionary resources have risen from £1,650, in 1835, to £31,000, in 1862. By this, or some other similar course that may better commend itself to the brethren, we shall realize the truth of a remark made by Dr. Somerville, in a letter already referred to—"I believe that when the Spirit shall be more fully poured out, and the claims of Christ better felt, it will be seen, that, in the school of benevolence, we are not much past the alphabet."

Your Committee feel increasingly the importance of deepening and intensifying the interest of our children, in the Missionary work. Of late years, the improvement in this respect is marked, and furnishes ground of encouragement.

Your Committee would recommend that once a month, say, the first week of each month, our regular weekly meetings should assume a Missionary character. They would further recommend that, as far as practicable, on the first Saturday evening of every month, one hour, say between 8 and 9, be set apart for special prayer in behalf of Missions in general, and our own Missions in particular.

Your Committee would conclude by affectionately urging on our faithful people, more fervent and believing prayer, more enlarged and enlightened liberality, and more direct personal effort, that we may not, as a Church, lag behind in the great work of the world's evangelization. This day is to us a day of good tidings. If we hold our peace, mischief shall befall us. We are our brothers' keepers; and if we be not found faithful to this trust, we will be convicted as verily guilty concerning our brother, and the voice of our brother's blood will testify against us. The Lord hath been mindful of us. He hath enlarged our coast, and blessed us indeed. If we altogether hold our peace,