

Seventy dollars each for 120 congregations will give \$8,400, and all of this and more will be required if any response be made to Mr. Grant and to the appeal of Rev. D. McDonald, for Dayspring, which may be seen in another column.

But are our people able to meet this with all the other demands made on their liberality? A probationer lately sent us \$10, one seventh of what is expected of a good sized congregation, and he gives to other objects as well as to this one.

A friend from the country sends us the following fact about giving which will go far to answer this question. One of our rural charges being vacant for a year received regular supply from its Presbytery. At a congregational meeting held it was unanimously agreed to take up a collection every Sabbath to pay for the Supply received. One man jotted down partly from curiosity what he dropped into the box. At the end of the year to his great amazement he found that he had contributed no less a sum than nineteen pounds. Previous to this time he had subscribed four pounds for the support of the Gospel, but under the system of weekly giving he had contributed nearly five times that amount and still felt none the poorer. "How powerfully," adds our informant, "this illustration appeals to all to adopt the system so strongly urged by our vigilant Committee on Systematic Beneficence. If the principle of systematic giving was generally adopted by our church members and adherents then we would have an overflowing treasury, our credit would not be 'at stake,' and our Foreign Mission and Acadia Mission Funds would be replenished."

The writer has just received \$4 in a note signed "an old smoker" with these words, "saved from tobacco." "Let those who use the obnoxious weed do the same, and it will be of great benefit to the schemes of the church." What do you pay for the support of the Gospel in your settlement? was asked an adherent of our church and a distant relative possibly of our correspondent. One dollar was the reply. Now what is your bill for tobacco at the end of the year? Reply, about six dollars.

Such facts as these, for they are facts, not fiction, show that there are mines of wealth in the church untouched, and that self-denial for Christ's cause is scarcely known, we mean only to a few. To some they are well known, and these are our cheerful, prayerful hearty givers who will in numbers come to our aid and relieve the anxieties of the friends of our Zion.

THE SUPPLEMENTING FUND—AN APPEAL.

BY REV. THOMAS SEDGEWICK.

We wish to make a few remarks upon this Fund, and the best way of introducing the subject is to call attention to its present position. This was brought before the Church by the Treasurer in the November *Record*, but it is necessary that it should be done again. Stated briefly then the Fund is at this date (Nov. 15th) \$160.39 in debt, while immediately after the New year about \$1500.00 will be required to meet the grants recommended by the Committee and adopted by the last Synod. It is further to be kept in mind that while in past years the Treasurer was able to supply any temporary deficiency from the surplus funds of the Foreign Mission, that resource is available no longer. (See statement in last month's *Record*, already referred to). In these circumstances there is but one or other of two things to be done—either our people must come up, and that immediately, to the help of this scheme, to the amount of \$1500.00—for there is no other source from which it can be begged or borrowed; or the supplements granted can be paid only partially or not at all.

Now let us look somewhat closely into the latter of these alternatives, and see what the meaning of it really is. These supplements are granted, after the most careful examination, to about 33 congregations in New Scotia, Cape Breton, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick. All or nearly all of them are small and widely scattered, or if not, are in circumstances which render some external aid a necessity. All or nearly all of them are contributing as liberally as can fairly be expected of them. As roughly gathered from the last Statistical