

While there is cause for rejoicing and congratulation, there is also some cause for regret and affectionate warning. Among these, the Session regret to observe indications of a tendency, in some instances, to attend public worship but once, on the Lord's Day—a symptom, in the majority of cases, wherever it obtains, of spiritual decline. The neglect of so many parents to bring their younger sons and daughters to the sanctuary is another cause of regret which is hereby affectionately commended to the serious consideration of our Christian households. One more subject of regret must be noticed—the conspicuous absence of so many names of householders and heads of families, as well as of young men and women, earning their own living, from the printed list in the annual report of contributors to the great schemes of the Church. To remove this source of painful regret the Session commend to the favorable consideration of every member and adherent, old and young, of St. Andrew's the following schemes:—

1. *Home Mission*.—This field is now large and is enlarging every year. It calls for increased contributions.

2. *The Augmentation Fund*.—To aid weak congregations who are liberally struggling to help themselves so as to secure a minimum stipend of \$750 and manse to their pastors.

3. *Foreign Missions*.—The field is the world. The world is open to the gospel. More missionaries are volunteering for work among the heathen than the Committee have means to send.

4. *French Evangelization*.—A great work; has borne already much fruit and promises much more.

5. *Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund*.—Deserving of aid by every member of our congregation.

6. *Widows' and Orphans' Fund*.—Their natural protectors called away. This is a touching inheritance Christ has left to His people.

7. *Colleges*.—Until the endowments proposed are accomplished these will require and receive generous support from all who, sensible of the peculiar wants of the age, appreciate a thoroughly educated ministry.

These schemes require for the year 1884 at least \$150,000. Let every person in connection with St. Andrew's do the best he or she can to make these great schemes prosperous.