

and that some of our own Presbyteries give merely a nominal sum to this, the most important scheme of the church. What we need is organization of some kind in each congregation. Is there no hope of getting that in one congregation as well as in another? If not, the fault lies less or more with every one in the congregation.

Collecting books will be sent this year to every minister within our bounds; or, where there is no minister, to one of the Session. An hour's work will divide the congregation into districts. Write out lists of the people to be called on. Collectors, male or female, can be had for the asking. Then, whenever the money is received, send it, with the list of subscribers, to the Local or the General Treasurer.

G. M. GRANT, *Convener Home Mission Board.*

STATISTICS.

THE Committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to prepare a list of questions for Presbyterian examination beg to call the attention of Ministers, Elders, and Trustees, to the questions sent,—a copy of which will be found in this month's *Record*. It was intended by the Synod that each Presbytery should appoint a Committee to visit every congregation within its bounds, and get from the Minister, Elders and Trustees, separately, full and distinct replies to the questions. This, however, in some cases, cannot be done, and the only other way is for the Clerk of Presbytery to send a list of the questions to each congregation, and request the different parties to whom the questions are addressed to fill in the answers and return them to the Convener as soon as possible. Only from one congregation have the replies been received, and they are not of the most satisfactory nature. I refrain from giving names at present, and in the meantime beg to remind members of Synod that the Committee have taken considerable trouble in order to prepare as full and clear a statement as possible of the state of the Church in these Provinces, and that they have a right to expect full and distinct replies to the questions sent. It is the intention of the Committee to publish in the November or December *Record* a table showing the strength of each congregation. This has been done in Canada, both in our own, and the other Presbyterian Church, with very beneficial results. The want of such a statistical table has long and often been felt by every one interested in the Church in the Lower Provinces, and the Committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod, desire, as far as possible, to supply this want. To do this, however, requires the co-operation of the Ministers, Elders and Trustees, and it is hoped that all will lend their assistance to its accomplishment. In the only list returned there is no information given as to the number of Communicants on the Roll, the number of Baptisms, the number in the Bible Class; and in the replies given there is an approach in several cases to trifling, which is very unbecoming the importance of the subject, and which the Committee earnestly hope will not be repeated.

GEO. J. CAIE, *Convener.*

MEETING IN MONTREAL OF THE DELEGATES ON UNION.

ON the 27th of Sept. the delegates from the Church of Scotland Synods in the Lower Provinces and in old Canada, met together for conference in St. Paul's Church, Montreal, before the general meeting with their brethren of the other Synods. They went over all the ground that they considered likely to be travelled over by all together, and came to a general understanding on most subjects. Next day they met in the same place with the other delegates. Twenty-two, in all, were present; Dr. Barclay, and M. Goudge, Esq.,—that is,