

this liberality we are indebted for the balance now on hand, which will go towards defraying the expenses of the present year.

It must be borne in mind, however, that we have the expenses of another delegation to Montreal to come out of the collection to be made in a week or two, and for that reason the collection should be a liberal one. We have no right to expect that delegates appointed to travel hundreds of miles to transact our business, will do so at their own expense. If they give their time and talents it is surely all we have a right to expect. Let us then be in a position to offer them the money, and if they should again be moved to the same generosity, so much the better for the whole Synod. But we not only wish to have the money necessary for this purpose, but to see the fund sufficiently large to meet the full amount of each member's expenses. Hitherto we have been in the habit of cutting down the claims made by members, and it is often very difficult and very disagreeable to the convener and the rest of the committee, to be obliged to take off a third or a half of the sum actually expended in getting to and from the place of meeting. It is hoped that the collection, so soon to be made on behalf of this fund, will be sufficiently liberal to enable us to pay our delegates, our Synod clerk's salary, and other incidental expenses, and still leave a sufficient amount to meet all reasonable claims for getting to Charlottetown and back to our several congregations. One very serious evil we used to complain of in former years, but which is now very rare, is the practice into which some congregations fell of making a collection and giving it to pay the expense of their own minister and elder.

When it is remembered that we have first to pay our clerk \$80, and allow

\$90 to our Union Delegates, and some \$20 for other things, it will be obvious that if each congregation simply paid the expenses of its own representatives we should be in a pretty mess, and look rather stupid when pay day came round. Each congregation ought to bear a share of the general burden, and should see that the collection is handed in to the Synod Fund Convener in full. It is also quite unfair for members to appropriate the amount of their expenses, and then hand over the balance to the fund. The Committee are appointed to receive the sums collected from the congregations; to prepare a careful statement of all amounts received, and all claims made on the fund, together with the proposed allowance to each member of Court for expenses. If the report is received, and its suggestions adopted, the money is disbursed. If any member has alterations or improvements to suggest, there is ample opportunity afforded him to do so, but it should be distinctly understood that the amount contributed must be transmitted unbroken to the party appointed to receive it.

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THE Church of Scotland is in earnest over the subject of the Education Bill for Scotland, introduced by the Lord Advocate. A noble stand is being taken to prevent the Bible and religious instruction from being cast out of the schools. Every Presbytery of the Established Church is making an effort to bring the blessings which the nation has heretofore enjoyed, since the Reformation, by the combination in the schools of religious instruction with secular, before Parliament, so as to secure in the new Bill, whatever other changes may