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## OUR SUPPLEMENTARY COLLECTION,

It seems desirable that the Resolution of last Synod on this subject should be republished, lest it should have slipped from the minds of some of the ministers and Sessions, without whose action, congregations may be deprived of the opportunity of aiding the object. We therefore give the Resolution,—*Resolved*, “That the Synod authorize the Committee, in connection with Presbyteries, to visit congregations by deputy or otherwise, as far as practicable during the present season, availing themselves as far as possible of the services of the General Agent; and that congregations which the deputies of the committee are unable to visit, be required to make collections for the supplementary fund on the first Sabbath of December—it being understood that Kirk Sessions are at liberty to appoint a different day for the collection, or to substitute some other mode of obtaining contributions.”

The greatest liberty by this resolution has been left with Sessions and Congregations respecting the mode of aiding this new scheme, whose praiseworthy object is to increase the salaries of such ministers in the body as manifestly have the most inadequate support, but the evident design of Synod is that all should take part in the work. The larger and wealthier congregations are expected to take the lead, but it is hoped and expected that the smaller and less flourishing will cheerfully give their aid, not excepting those which receive a benefaction in return from the fund.—“For if there be first a willing mind it is

accepted, according to that a man hath and not according to that he hath not,” and the principle of this apostolic saying is as applicable to congregations as to individuals.

Fifty-five congregations have complied with the Synod's direction, thus far; and we doubt not a good many more will during the next month or two. The 55 are thus divided among the different Presbyteries:—

In Halifax Presbytery.....	15
Pictou “.....	9
P. E. Island “.....	12
Truro “.....	6
St. John “.....	4
Miramichi “.....	3
St. Stephen “.....	1
Victoria and Richmond..	5

In all, 55

The Presbytery last named has excelled all the others, as its five ministers have all forwarded collections from their congregations. If their example were generally followed, the very fact that all or nearly all our congregations had responded to this call of duty so promptly, would have a most animating effect on the Synod's deliberations on ministerial support, would react with electric influence on struggling congregations, and go far to stop the exodus of ministers to other lands, which unhappily has been gradually increasing of late.

## GOLPORTAGE,

As the means of diffusing religious literature, is at least as old as the Reformation. Earnest men were then found who, not