

creased payments to the other schemes are as follows,—Widows' and Orphans' Fund \$257; Bursary Scheme \$319; Synod's Home Mission Scheme \$1741. The whole sum contributed for Home Missionary purposes during the year 1869 was \$12,547 37 namely, \$9,962 74 by congregational contributions to the Temporalities' Fund; \$445 63 from private individuals to the same, and \$2,166 as here reported for the Presbytery's Home Missions.

The sum of \$2,797 was last year added to the invested capital of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, which has now risen to nearly \$60,000. The number of annuitants is at present 30 widows and 33 orphans. There was contributed for local Presbytery Missions the sum of \$2166, and for the Juvenile Mission to India \$605. At the same time, as numerous blanks in the columns for the Schemes testify, there are many congregations whose love for this or that particular scheme has cooled down to zero. To be exact, twenty-eight congregations only out of one hundred and thirteen have made entries in each of the columns for the Schemes of the Synod and the Presbytery's Home Mission.

The reported contributions for "all purposes" amount to \$137,986 being \$44,894 in excess of the sum similarly reported for 1866. Respectable though the amount be in itself, your Committee feel well assured that it falls far short of the actual expenditure of the year, in proof of which it need only be mentioned that while the sums reported as having been paid to the Endowment Fund of Queen's College during the year 1869 amount to \$35,511, the aggregate acknowledged by the College Treasurer to the 15th of December is \$40,453. Another palpable omission occurs in the congregational return from Three Rivers, in which it is stated that "the total expenditure for all purposes amounts to \$728," whereas your Committee know certainly that during the past year some \$3000 of debt upon the Church property was paid off in the most handsome manner, and they are happy to have it in their power to publish the fact in this way. Nevertheless as the figures stand in this Report, the average contribution of each communicant for the past year was \$3.70: a similar calculation applied to the figures for 1866 yields only \$6.27 per communicant.

The number of Manses is 83 against 77 in 1866; a net increase of six. There are still 47 congregations—too large a proportion by far, who have not yet provided a home for their Minister.

The total value of Church Property is represented by the goodly sum of \$845,620, which, were it divided equally among these 129 congregations would invest each with freehold property to the value of \$6500. Included in this gross amount is the valuation put upon 3250 acres of Glebe lands, worth, at a liberal estimate, \$20 per acre, leaving in round numbers \$750,000 worth of insurable property. Negotiations are at present under consideration between a Committee appointed by the Synod and the Queen Insurance Company whereby—for a valuable consideration—it is proposed to recommend that the Insurance upon the whole of the Church Property be effected with this Company. The Committee