

leave to remark that it is not always sufficient to give a general recommendation from the pulpit. If success is to be obtained it is by appointing persons who shall call upon the different families in the congregation personally. The following remarks from the *United Presbyterian Magazine* are to the purpose:—

"Let a small canvassing Committee be formed in each congregation, after recommendation from the pulpit to wait on every family and respectfully solicit their support, and they will meet with comparatively few refusals. Other plans have been tried in extending the circulation of denominational magazines, but no other has been so successful as that now suggested. Mere announcement will not suffice. In a case known to the Committee, it was intimated that intending subscribers might put their names in the plate on Sabbath and only two were received. But in the same Church three hundred and fifty subscribers were secured by waiting personally on the members. If this plan, or some similar one, is pursued, the desired increase will be very readily obtained."

We commend this view to our brethren throughout the Church. The matter might, we think, be managed by the elders in their several districts, or by appointing some young and active person in each section of the congregation to act as agents. Whatever plan be adopted we request that the ministers will see that personal agency, and not announcements merely, be employed to accomplish the object.

We have also to request that agents forward as speedily as possible the balances due for 1856, as we wish to close the accounts for that year.

The Board of Home Missions will meet at New Glasgow on Monday, 2nd March, at 4 o'clock, P.M.

Robert Smith, Truro, acknowledges the receipt of the following for the Foreign Mission:—

Ladies of Mass Town, Rev Mr Ross's congregation, 46 yards cloth, value	£2 17 6
Mrs John Cotham, Debert River, a box sundries, value	12 6
Mrs David Carlile, East Mountain, 10 yards cloth, value	12 6
Mrs W. Carlile, 5 yds cloth, val.	6 3
Miss Carlile, 9 do	11 3
Mrs Samuel McCabe, Greenfield, 5 yards cloth, value	6 3
Mrs John H. Notting, 3½ yards flannel, value	4 9
Miss Mary Johnson, Stewiacke, 5 yards flannel, value	6 3
Mrs Hugh Moore, 6 yards flannel, value	7 6
Ladies of Hardwood Hill, De-	

bert, 18 yards cloth, value	1 2 6
Ladies of Debert Village, 31½ yards cloth, value	1 17 9
Mrs Thomas Brown, Londonderry, 4 yards cloth at 1s 6d	6 6
Mrs Thomas Dunlap, Lower Village, 5 yds cloth at 1s 8d	8 4
Mrs Ellis, Upham, Stewiacke, 2 pair socks, value	2 6
Mrs Isaac McCurdy, Onslow, 2 pair pants, value	14 6
Sabbath School children, Hardwood Hill, Debert, Londonderry, sundries, value	7 6
Mrs James McElmond, Upper Londonderry, 9 yards pressed cloth, value	1 9 6
Mrs John Brown, Londonderry, 5 yards twilled flannel, value	8 2
Ladies of Lower Onslow, 26 yards print, value	14 6
Ladies of Smithfield, collec'd by Mrs R'd. Pyke, sundries, val.	12 6
Cash from a Lady of Onslow	5 0
A Friend, Mr Wylie's congreg'n	1 0 0
Mrs Charles Hare	2 6
Mr Charles Hill, Economy	5 0
A Friend to Missions, per Mrs Dunlap, Stewiacke	1 0 0
The following received per Rev A. Wylie from Mrs John Mahan: Print and sewing materials, val.	10 0
Mrs Gray, 3½ yds homespun, val.	5 1
Mrs Patrick Hill, 6 yds worsted cloth, value	10 0
Mrs Wm. Peppard, 6 yds flannel, value	7 6
Miss Peppard, 1 pair stockings for Miss Geddie	1 4
Mrs Thomas Davison, 2nd Portipaque, 6 yards flannel, val.	7 6
Mrs Paul Kar, 2½ yards twilled flannel, value	3 3
A Friend, a blanket for Mrs Geddie	7 6
Ladies of Portipaque, 12 yards cloth, value	18 6
Mrs Samuel Wilson, Castle-reagh, 3½ yds flannel, value	4 3
Mrs George Fulton, Mrs James Johnson and Mrs William Fulton, Birchhill, 8½ yards cloth, value	10 7 6
SYNOD FUND.	
From Brookfield, per Rev J. I. Baxter	£1 0 0
SEMINARY.	
Onslow Benevolent Society, per J. P. Dickie, Esquire	£3 10 0
MISSION SHIP JOHN KNOX.	
Children of Halifax Road, per Mrs R. H. Smith	£0 13 0
Lower Village Sabbath School	1 9 11
Folly Sabbath School	1 12 0
Children of Mr P. S. Smith	5 5
Collected by Miss Jessie Morrison, Debert.	3 0