

not exist in anything like a satisfactory condition, if any of the objects we have mentioned is neglected for a single year. What we want is that *all* our people in *all* our congregations should work together and do something, let it be much or little. Give your pennies and half-pence if you cannot give shillings and pounds.

We trust that ministers will endeavour to afford their congregations and preaching stations an opportunity of making at least *one* annual collection for each of the objects we have enumerated. It is very well to have donations and subscriptions given in or gathered up regularly; we cannot do without such; but still let us also (if possible) have the Church collection. For individuals and families may otherwise be overlooked and lose the privilege of honouring Christ by their substance. When the collectors make regular rounds, monthly or quarterly, through the whole congregation, a large public collection cannot reasonably be expected. But there are many congregations in connection with our Church without a regular staff of collectors; and in such cases large and liberal collections ought to be given.

Numbering, as our Church now does, some eighty or ninety thousand adherents it will become us to be active and energetic in HOME MISSIONARY work. The evangelization of these Provinces depends in great measure, under God, upon our efforts. Thousands along our shores would gladly receive ordinances at our hands. Let us gird on our armour to the arduous task which Providence has placed before us. The success which has attended our efforts in the home-field within the last year is such as ought greatly to encourage us. It repays us a thousandfold for all our labour and expenditure. Let us therefore deal liberally with the Home Mission.

We feel that scarcely a word need be said concerning the claims of the FOREIGN MISSION. They are patent and paramount.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION demands the unflagging attention of the Church. We cannot send the Gospel to other lands or retain it in our own unless we have a sufficient number of pious young men trained for the ministry. We have a very efficient SCHOOL OF THE PROPHETS. We have Professors for whom any Church should be thankful; and we have young men of the highest promise coming forward in adequate numbers. These facts are encouraging in the highest degree; and they devolve upon the Church the responsibility of sustaining the "SCHOOL OF THE PROPHETS" in undiminished efficiency. For this purpose annual collections to the amount of £400 or £500 are necessary.

THE SYNOD FUND is intended to defray the expenses incurred in connection with meetings of Synod. Ministers cannot themselves meet all these expenses. They meet for purposes in which the whole Church is deeply interested it is therefore right that the Church should bear the cost. A small collection from all our congregations would abundantly cover all the expenditure.

The Synod also recommended the Colportage Scheme, under the management of the Rev. Mr. Baxter, to the liberality of the Church. This is an object which should by no means be overlooked. It has been a most useful Scheme, doing great good at little expense or risk to the Church; and the least we should do is to support it by occasional collections and donations.

There is still another object which was recommended to the liberality of the Church—namely, the Missions of the Evangelical Church of France.

Collections or donations may be forwarded to any of the following gentlemen:—

Abram Patterson, Pictou; A. & W. Mackinlay, Halifax; Robert Smith, Truro; James McCallum, Cove Head, Prince Edward Island.