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STATISTICS.

We beg to remind ministers, sessions, and managers, that the period has come when the usual statistical information has to be collected. Schedules are in preparation for distribution, and it is hoped that these will be duly attended to, and, when filled up, forwarded to the Clerk of Presbytery.

It is hoped that none will undervalue or neglect this matter. However dry and uninteresting the figures of a statistical schedule may appear, they are really of great importance. We trust that each year our statistics will become more complete and accurate.

LAST SYNODICAL COLLECTION FOR THE YEAR—HOME MISSIONS.

The collection for the Home Mission Fund is appointed to be made throughout the church on the third Sabbath of April. No doubt many congregations have already contributed at missionary meetings, or in other ways. But where this has not been done, it is desirable that the duty should be attended to now.

There are several congregations and mission stations in various Presbyteries, depending on assistance from the Synod's Fund. There is, besides, the mission to the coloured population at Buxton, the support of which must come from the Synod's fund. It is hoped therefore that every congregation will do its duty, and contribute liberally for the extension of the cause throughout the length and breadth of our Province.

CLOSING OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH.

We remind all parties interested that the accounts of the several schemes of the church will be closed on the 30th April. It is most desirable that all contributions for the year should be remitted before that date.

While the contributions for some objects have come in with commendable regularity, there is reason to regret the neglect of others. For instance, we might mention the collection for the Widows' Fund, with which is now connected the fund for aged and infirm ministers. Many congregations have done nothing for this fund, although the number of ministers receiving aid from the Fund is every year increasing. It is hoped that where there has been an omission in regard to any of the funds, the matter will yet be attended to before the close of the financial year. It is especially hoped that contributions for Knox College will be sent in as soon as possible.