

ed, and that organized at the same time, or soon afterwards, a Missionary Society. In making this stipulation, therefore, with its supplemented congregations, the Synod imposes no hardship

upon them, but only prescribes a course which it is as much for their own advantage as for the good of the Church that they should pursue.

#### IV. AGENTS FOR ORIGINATING THE SCHEME, AND SUPERINTENDING ITS OPERATION.

1. *Ministers and Elders.*—You should be patterns to the flock in all good things; and your influence may be most beneficially exerted in various ways, both in obtaining a trial for the scheme, and securing its efficiency. Much will depend, especially, upon you—the Ministers. Its adoption or rejection, its success or failure, is, to a great extent, in your hands. Which of your people would presume to move in such a matter if you stood aloof? Or for what success could they hope, with *your* influence, though it were only negative, *against* them? Hence our anxiety to secure your co-operation in introducing the scheme, and reaping its rich fruits. Give us this, and we fear not failure. Refuse it, and we can scarcely hope for success. But the Synod, admonished by former failures, now calls, also, to its aid in this matter.

2. *The Presbyteries.*—Your instruc-

tions are explicit, and let your obedience to them be strict, and uncompromising. Enquire whether the recommendation of Synod is being carried into effect in all the congregations within your bounds, and in cases where it may be neglected, remind them of their duty and stir them up to its performance. Even if it should not be necessary that you interfere for the *organizing* of Societies in any case, there is most important work for you to do in *superintending* them, when organized—in visiting them occasionally, inspecting their machinery, encouraging their Collectors and other officials, and in stimulating their contributors. For these and similar purposes, it were well that a small Committee were appointed in each of the Presbyteries. This is the case in the parent Church in Scotland, and the arrangement has been attended with the most beneficial results.

#### V. MODERATE ESTIMATE OF THE ANNUAL

In a former estimate of what one of our earlier and abler congregations might be expected to raise, on the new scheme, we supposed each member to give on an average 7½d. a month; but now that the whole Church is to be included in which are many struggling congregations, in new localities, we shall, in the first instance, rate each member at only 3d. a month; and what would that produce in the year? According to the statistics of 1855—the latest within our reach—there were 6288 members in the Church. Striking off the odds in name of those who are either unable or unwilling to give anything, this would be the state of the case:—

6000 members, giving 3d a month, or 3s. cy. a year, each, to the Missionary Society..... £900

But many of our members could give far more than 3d. a month or 3s. a year. Some could give a quarter or half dollar as easily as others could give 3d., and some \$2, \$3, \$4, or \$5, as easily as others could give \$1. The average of these sums is nearly \$2, but for this we shall compound at the low rate of *one quarter dollar*, each, from the one-half of

#### PROCEEDS OF THE SCHEME IF ADOPTED.

the members, while the other half is retained at the former average of 3d. each, per month. Now, what would this produce? Let us see.

3000 members, giving, on an average,	
1s. 3d. a month, or \$3 a year..	£2250
3000 do 3d. do, or 3s. do....	450
288 do unable or unwilling to	
give any thing.....	....

Total Missionary income.... £2700

This sum may startle, and we hope it will stimulate you; but you must all acknowledge that the calculation on which it is based is exceedingly moderate. Then, that calculation makes no account of our *adherents*, who are often as liberal as the members, and who are still more numerous. Were they to give at the same rate, the sum would be *doubled*; or the same sum could be raised by the *members and adherents together*, with *one half of the effort*, i. e., by an average contribution of 7½d. a month from the one-half, and of 1½d. from the other.

If you really wish, then, to maintain the integrity of our Church, to assert her independence, and instead of curtail-