

to make our members and adherents more acquainted with the general schemes of the church. It would tend to stir up greater public spirit among our people. It would be a most valuable auxiliary to ministers and office-bearers in the discharge of their duties among their people, and would give them a most favourable opportunity of introducing subjects connected with the spread of Christ's kingdom, both at home and abroad.—There are, then, many special reasons which should induce ministers and sessions to strive to promote the circulation of the *Record*; and we trust that the present season will not be allowed to pass without an effort, especially in those congregations where its circulation is at present limited.

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#### COLLECTION FOR THE BUXTON MISSION AND SYNOD FUND.

According to appointment of Synod, the annual collection in behalf of the Buxton Mission and Synod Fund, will be made in all the Congregations and Mission Stations of the Church, on the third Sabbath of the current month. Ministers and Missionaries will of course give due intimation, and seek to stir up the people to a right appreciation of the objects for which this collection is taken up. In some instances it may happen that circumstances may render it impracticable or inexpedient to take up the collection on the day appointed, but in such cases it should be attended to on the first convenient Sabbath thereafter.

In looking at the last Statistical Returns, it will be seen that several congregations neglected entirely to take up this collection, while in not a few instances the collection was not at all in proportion either to the ability of the congregation, or the importance of the object. We trust all this will be remedied this year, and that there will be no instances of neglect or a mere formal attention to the collection, while the importance of the object is not appreciated, and no adequate measure of christian liberality exhibited.

One object for which this collection is required, is the support of the missionary establishment at Buxton. This Institution continues to flourish. There are now within the limits of the settlement about eight hundred souls, to which number additions are, from time to time, being made from the United States. All these, however, do not profess to be Presbyterians, or to be under the spiritual charge of Mr. King. His congregation however, embraces generally, 203 hearers, while there are on the Communion Roll forty members. They are now beginning to do something for the support of ordinances amongst themselves, and for the maintenance of the schools, and at the same time take up the various Synodical collections. The institution is in every respect, prosperous. Seventy boys and twenty girls are attending school at the Mission Institution, while fifty or sixty children besides, attend other schools in the settlement, or in the neighbourhood of it. The temporal condition of the settlers is improving, and there is reason to hope that ere long they may be able, in a great measure to be self-supporting. But when we think of their former condition, and of the recent period of their deliverance from the degradation and horrors of slavery, we need not be surprised if they are not at once in a self-supporting condition. Mr. King has manifested great devotedness and self-denial in his work, and is well entitled to the support and encouragement of the Church at large. For the maintenance of this important missionary establishment, and for the sake of the sacred cause of the slave, which will unquestionably be affected by the success or failure of our institution, we earnestly call for a liberal collection on this occasion.

But this collection is chargeable also with the various expenses connected with the annual meeting of Synod, such as reporting the proceedings of Synod, printing of the Synod Minutes, Salary of Clerk and Agent, &c. These necessary expenses the various congregations of the church are bound to bear. This year these expenses have been somewhat larger than usual, on account of a considerable sum having been paid, in order to have a full report of the proceedings of Synod, for the more general information of our people, and in order that they may know more perfectly what was done at Synod. These reports, and the Minutes of Synod, have been circulated throughout the church without charge. We trust this will be borne in mind on the occasion of the collection being made.

We earnestly trust that ministers and missionaries will do their duty in bringing these objects before their congregations, and that the

people will cheerfully and liberally respond to this call. We have had another year of general prosperity. The ability of our country congregations especially, is far greater than it was a few years ago. We trust that God will give them all a disposition to give liberally, as God hath prospered them—and that having freely received, they will freely give.

#### WHAT ARE WE TO DO WITH OUR HOME MISSION FIELD?

This is a question which claims our immediate and serious consideration. Let any one take a map of Canada, (and several neat and correct maps containing all the recently surveyed Townships, may be easily procured,) and cast his eye especially over the west and north west portion of it, and he can form some idea of the extent of new missionary ground which we are now called to cultivate. In the County of Grey, the County Town of which is Sydenham, while there are fifteen Townships, most of which are, though new, fully settled, we have only one settled minister. In the County of Bruce, containing eleven Townships, we have only one minister.—In Huron, containing fourteen Townships, we have two ministers. In Perth, containing eleven Townships we have two ministers. In Lambton, with ten or eleven Townships, we have now only one settled minister. In these Counties, Presbyterians are very numerous; in some of them the population consists to a great extent of Presbyterian settlers. We might have gone over several other counties, such as Essex, Kent, Wellington, and Simcoe, and others, and have pointed out the very great disproportion between the extent of the field, and the number of labourers. We lately went over only a part of the County of Grey, and in that portion, we believe, four ministers could be immediately settled.—There is besides great destitution in other parts of our bounds, especially in Glengarry and other portions of the Presbytery of Montreal. Indeed there is not a Presbytery where several ministers could not immediately be settled. In these circumstances, it becomes us as a church, seriously to ask, what are we to do to meet the emergency?

We ought, of course, to use all competent means to increase the number of our laborers, by correspondence with the churches in Scotland and Ireland, and by looking out and encouraging promising and pious young men in this country. But, besides this, we must look the matter in the face, and with the force at our disposal, consider what can be done to meet the existing destitution. We shall briefly suggest, for the consideration of our brethren, some things, which in our view, would tend to the prosperity and enlargement of the church in this department.

1. In the first place, we would suggest that, without unnecessary delay, the Synod should make new arrangements of Presbyteries. It will be seen that some portions of the field, such as the Counties of Grey and Bruce, &c., lie very remote from any Presbytery seat. Again, part of Grey belongs to the Presbytery of Toronto, and part to Hamilton, while these separate portions ought most naturally to be joined together. When a large portion of the mission field lies at