

result. The receipts from congregations have increased as already shown by \$99,71, but the adverse balance on the year is \$1104.48. The explanation is easily given. Last year this fund received from Parent Churches in Britain \$1667.06, and from the "Record" Committee \$250.00, making in all \$1817 06, while this year the only sum received outside of the contributions of our people direct, was from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, £50 stg. (\$243.33), making a difference of \$1573.33.

The Committee expected diminution of revenue from those external sources, and in authorizing a loan at their meeting held in Truro on December 23rd, they, at the same time, directed their Convener and Secretary to prepare and publish in the "Presbyterian Witness" a statement giving the leading facts, for the information of the congregations, and asking early aid, and to send a circular to each Presbytery, requesting co operation, and furnishing a list of congregations which have already contributed. Both of these directions were promptly carried out, and the response was pretty general, a larger number than usual contributing—127 against 117 last year, and 125 the year preceding. Still the fact remains that twenty-five congregations having pastors gave nothing, and fifteen without pastors, making forty-one in all; so that notwithstanding the clamant necessity, and the urgent appeals, nearly one-fourth of our congregations have had no opportunity furnished them of replenishing this fund. To what extent ministers are justifiable or censurable in this course, the Committee will not undertake to determine; but forty congregations averaging \$25 each would have made up a thousand dollars, in which case we would, notwithstanding the cessation of all Scottish aid, have been in almost the same condition financially as we were in two years ago.

THE FUTURE.

It was in these circumstances that the Committee met recently to make arrangements to be submitted to the General Assembly for the coming year. Their first desire was the removal of the balance against the fund, and they would have asked the sanction of the General Assembly for the appointment of Delegates to visit the different Presbyteries and congregations, with this object in view, but found that the College Committee had already taken this step to complete and gather in their endowments. Deeming it to be unwise to send a second deputation asking for funds, the Committee decided

1st. To ask the General assembly to allow the debt to remain for another year.

2nd. To prepare a List of Supplements to be paid from July 1st, 1881 to July 1st 1882, such as the weaker congregations should receive and the abler should provide, without looking for assistance to any quarter, except to our people.

The List so prepared is subjoined, and for purposes of comparison, the rate paid for the last year is given along with it.

RATE OF PAYMENTS FOR 1880-81 & 1881-82.

Miramichi Presbytery: 1880-81. 1881-82.

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| Black River..... | \$100 00 | \$100 00 |
| Tabusintac..... | 126 00 | 100 00 |
| New Carlisle..... | 150 00 | 150 00 |
| Bathurst..... | 50 00 | 59 00 |
| Redbank..... | | 125 00 |

\$426 00 \$525 00

St. John Presbytery:

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| Sussex..... | \$ 90 00 | \$100 00 |
| Springfield..... | 135 00 | 135 00 |
| Bocabec & Waweig.... | 90 00 | 90 00 |
| Carleton..... | 200 00 | 200 00 |
| Buctouche..... | 100 00 | 100 00 |
| Chipman..... | 112 00 | 125 00 |
| St. Andrew's..... | 150 00 | 150 00 |
| Prince William..... | 90 00 | |
| Woodstock..... | 200 00 | 200 00 |
| Nashwaak & Stanley.. | 120 00 | 108 00 |
| Hammond River..... | 150 00 | 150 00 |
| St. James..... | 100 00 | 100 00 |
| Hopewell & Salisbury.. | 100 00 | 100 00 |

1637 00 1558 00

P. I. Presbytery:

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| Cove Head..... | \$ 80 00 | \$ 72 00 |
| Bonshaw & Tryon..... | 150 00 | 135 00 |
| Dundas..... | 100 00 | 90 00 |
| Tignish, etc., (New).... | | 150 00 |

\$330 00 \$447 00

Lunenburg & Yarmouth Presbytery:

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| New Dublin..... | \$180 00 | \$100 00 |
| Carleton & Chebogue.. | 150 00 | 135 00 |

\$330 00 \$235 00

Sydney Presbytery:

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| Gabarus..... | \$160 00 | \$144 00 |
| Cape North..... | 100 00 | 50 00 |
| Leitch's Creek..... | | 125 00 |

\$260 00 \$319 00

Victoria & Richmond Presbytery:

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| Lake Ainslie..... | \$ 70 00 | \$ 50 00 |
| N. E. Margaree, Cheticamp, &c..... | | 100 00 |
| Mabou..... | 90 00 | 50 00 |