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COLLECTION FOR HOME MISSION FUND.

We beg to remind Ministers and Sessions, that, by appointment of Synod, the collection for the Home Mission Fund should be made (if a contribution has not been taken up otherwise) on the 3rd Sabbath of the month. It is desirable that there should be something more than a mere Sabbath day collection, either a subscription or some other special effort, so that the amount raised may in some measure correspond with the importance of the object.

We refer our readers to the statement contained in the November number of the Record, which was drawn up by the Convener of the Home Mission Committee. From that statement it will be seen that, not including the Presbyteries of Brockville and Grey, from which no reports were received, there are, besides upwards of forty vacant congregations, fifty-five mission fields with one hundred and thirty five preaching stations, in connection with the several Presbyteries. Many of these require assistance; and have been promised assistance at the rate of from \$52 to \$203 per annum. Besides this, aid has been promised to a number of weak congregations, which it is of importance to sustain. There is also a very considerable amount of arrears due by Presbyteries to Missionaries which the Home Mission Committee has assumed. To meet these liabilities, and to set the new machinery for the working of the Home Mission field fairly agoing, liberal contributions are required. We trust these will not be withheld. This year especially our people should act in the spirit of the words: "Freely ye have received, freely give."

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KNOX COLLEGE—ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

A circular has lately been sent out, prepared by a Committee of the Board of Management, setting forth the state of the College Fund, together with an estimate of the expenditure of the year, and urging Presbyteries to take steps in accordance with the resolution of the Synod, to have the duty of contributing for the support of the College brought before every congregation of the church.

The estimated expenditure for the year 1865,6 including salaries of Professors; attendance, fuel and light; repairs to building, insurance, interest on unpaid purchase money &c. &c., may be set down at \$420.3. The bal-