

and supported in its different departments.

STATEMENT OF HOME MISSION FUNDS.

Balance on hand June 1, 1868.....	\$506.35
Sums received since June 1.....	2039.81
	<hr/> \$2546.16

<i>Contra.</i>	
Payments made since that date.....	\$2308.35
Balance in fund.....	237.81
	<hr/> \$2546.16

Five per cent. for Treasurer's salary on the receipts will diminish this balance to a little over \$100.

SUPPLEMENTARY FUND.

All supplements due so far, have been promptly met, but it must be remembered that the full amount payable in New Brunswick has been furnished by the grant continued for this year of £100 stg from the Free Church of Scotland, and of £80 stg. from the Irish Presbyterian Church, both given for the promotion of the cause in New Brunswick. Should this cease with the present payment, \$1700 will be required to meet what is due at Synod, without any improvement in the salaries of ministers now inadequately provided for.

It is very evident that so far as collections have been made, they are *quite unequal*. One congregation gives \$100 and another \$84, evidently entering into the spirit of the Synodical effort to raise the inadequate salaries forthwith, while others of equal strength, give sums of \$20, and as low as \$12, evidently aiming no higher than meeting present liabilities, and were all to contribute on this lower scale, we would not even do that.

If our people are to do their duty, following the example set them alike by the Free and United Presbyterian Churches, and carrying out in good faith the recommendations of Synod, they will all come forth with their contributions, not by voting some \$10 or \$12, which may have been collected for some other purpose; but by taking hold vigorously of a great movement which is designed to do tardy justice to the weaker portions of the Church, and to men who have stuck to their post through great hardships and self denial, when others moved off in search of richer pastures.

Balance on hand June 1, 1868,	\$103 40
Sums received since that date,	1872 17
	<hr/> \$1975 57

<i>CONTRA.</i>	
Payments made since June 1st.	1798 11
Balance on hand,	177 46
	<hr/> \$1975 57

EDUCATION.

The accounts connected with Education are rather more complex, so that a mere statement of receipts and expenditure for seven or eight months, without explanations, would not distinctly shew whether the current year's contributions will fall short to the same extent as recent years.

Forty-five congregations have contributed since June 1st, and were those not yet heard from to give in the same ratio in proportion to their means, we would cease to draw, as of late years, on our capital fund. Is it too much to expect to hear from other twenty or thirty congregations, if not from all? Is it, or is it not, true that the cause of missions is dependent upon a thoroughly trained ministry? Will not success or failure in this the greatest of all our enterprises—that of subduing the world to Christ—turn largely upon the characters of the men to be employed? Piety and good natural talent combined, constitute a good foundation, but a suitable superstructure of knowledge with culture is quite indispensable. We have our choice in providing the means of this thorough culture—by one great effort to raise such an additional sum for investment as will suffice, or to furnish the annual sum requisite by congregational collections. Our Professors must be paid, and all that is necessary to accomplish the object easily is appreciation of their work by the whole Church, which will result in prayer and cordial united effort.

We say nothing at present of Synod Fund, as the collection for it is generally made at the beginning of summer,—and in going over the others, we desire to give to congregations necessary and reasonable information, so that collections may be made at proper intervals, and in good time.

CHRISTIAN HYMNOLOGY.

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NO. II.

Those who advocate an enlarged Hymnal for the use of our congregations, have no desire to supersede the Psalms of David by the singing of hymns. They yield to none in love and veneration for those Psalms; and are very far from desiring their disuse. To intermingle Psalm and Hymn—to have the depth and majesty of those divine lyrics rendered fragrant by the name that is ever dear to the christian's heart,—the name of Jesus; to blend the strength and solemn rapture or penitential wailing of the one, with the praises of Immanuel, and the gratitude and hope inspired by the redemption which has been bought by the blood of the Lamb, and thus to make our praise as distinctively christian as our prayers and our preaching