

justice for each congregation. It would afford most interesting reading matter. A little rivalry might thus be stirred up, as every one could see what his neighbour was doing. If this plan were adopted we venture to say we could find—we shall not say where—fifty or perhaps one hundred families nominally adhering to one congregation whose average contribution to all religious purposes during the year did not amount to one dollar apiece. The statement may appear astonishing to some, but we have good reason to believe it is correct. Unless some improvement takes place in congregations in arrears great injury to themselves must result—Perhaps this is not to be looked for. In that case the only result possible is that they should break up and cease to exist as separate congregations.

In this matter of supporting ordinances we might learn a lesson, from our Brethren of the Presbyterian Church of Canada—their congregations are often made up of a much smaller number of families than most of ours, but in the matter of supporting the gospel we might learn from their example.

PRESENTATION.—On Friday the 24th Dec. last, the Church Committee of Gairloch Congregation, viz: Messrs. W. Munro; R. G. McLeod; and D. Sutherland, waited on Mr. Brodie at the Manse, with one day's Factory make of Cheese, for the use of the Manse, consisting of 4 large cheeses, weighing 66 lbs., 65 lbs., etc., making in all over 200 lbs. prime, No. 1 cheese. Mr. Brodie was not at Home as he had services in the house of Robert Munro, Elder, and was late of returning. On getting home and seeing so great a mountain of cheese, he thanked them sincerely, and the friends who contributed both of the congregation and others; and the owners of the Cheese Factory; and stated that as it was an

old command laid upon such as he, that they should be given to hospitality he trusted this would be the case whilst he occupied the Manse; and would be glad if he could repay the hospitality of their own kind homes, and he could not seek for greater. He might say that all the eatables in the house came from their own homes, and for this as well as for the other gifts he could only say thanks and that the great giver of all gifts would richly bless them all, both young and old in this whole place; so that the parents and their children would be made the happier in their duties by the blessing of Him whose favor enricheth all, and addeth no sorrow with it.—Con

CHRISTMAS is peculiarly the season when good wishes are uttered and kindly acts are done to friends and neighbours. We are glad to notice the many tokens of goodness will manifested on the part of our congregations towards their ministers. Earlton has not been behind in this respect. As will be noticed elsewhere in our columns some members of that congregation have had coal and supplied a twelve months firewood for their minister. There is no congregation more benevolent and more attached to the church than this one. Long may they flourish.

The Rev. Peter Galbraith has said for the scene of his future labours, Catherine's Berbice.

Last year the Church of Scotland expended in the Home and Foreign Missions eleven thousand pounds.

The eighteenth session of the college minister's daughters was commenced on the 4th October in Edinburgh, and the full complement of 52 pupils was received.