

Rev N. McKay has returned from his mission to the northern congregations of New Brunswick included in the Presbytery of Miramichi. Mr Christie has completed his work in the Presbytery of St John and St Stephen, and Mr Houston has visited the more distant portions of the Presbytery of York, and will soon accomplish what remains of his allotted task. Rev Thomas Sedgwick has brought the subject before all our pastoral charges from Annapolis to the Gore and Kennetcook; and the Pictou Presbytery are now making their arrangements for the carrying out of the Synod's wishes within their bounds during the months of November and December.

Our space will admit of no more detailed statement, nor of the publication of any reports in the present number, but it is gratifying to learn that with scarcely an exception our people have cordially and most cheerfully responded. The contributions may be in some cases small, but what was given was given with great readiness and with many regrets that they were not able to do more. This is a fund to which *all* should contribute something, the more prosperous giving largely, and all, whether poor or rich, according to their ability: "As a man thinketh so let him give, not grudgingly nor of necessity for the Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

As many may desire to know the state of the fund we give the following brief statement:

Balance on hand June 1st.....	\$333 80
Gift fm Free Church of Scotland..	500 00
Collected since June 1st.....	897 52
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	\$1731 32
Payments for half-year..	\$1506 50
Balance now on hand..	224 82
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	\$1731 32

That the contributions of *all* will be required to meet our engagements will appear evident when it is considered that two sums of \$1,500 each, will be payable in eight months, the first on 31st Decr., and the second on 30th June. We feel persuaded, however, that nothing is required but united effort to meet these claims, fully and punctually, and for such united action, the session are chiefly responsible.

For the Record.

SYSTEMATIC SUPPORT OF THE LORD'S CAUSE.

MR. EDITOR,—Last summer the Synod of our church revived its committee on Systematic Beneficence, and appointed Revs. A. Stewart, M. G. Henry, R. S. Patterson, E. A. McCurly with Messrs. Charles Robson, and Wm. Anderson, members of said committee. Without giving any specific instructions, the Synod left the committee to select and employ those means which might seem best adapted to promote and secure the great object which the church had in view, viz.: The consecration of their substance on the part of those connected with the church, on principle, and according to system. Realizing the importance of the task imposed upon us, as soon as possible after the rising of the Synod the committee met for consultation, and resolved to urge upon the church the duty of adopting at once the principles and practice enjoined by the apostle in his charge to the Corinthians. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." I Cor. XVI. 2. To carry out this resolution we thought it necessary to avail ourselves of the easiest and cheapest, the most direct and effective means within our reach. As the press seemed to fulfil these conditions best, we agreed that each member of the committee, who could undertake it, should be appointed to write a series of short articles for one or other of the periodicals which circulate most widely among the members of our church, the committee holding themselves responsible only for the basis of principles already indicated, while the arguments and illustrations employed to enforce those principles, are to be regarded as expressing merely the views of the person who urges them. The task of writing for the RECORD has been assigned to me, and as you in common with all the editors with whom we corresponded have kindly consented to receive contributions, I avail myself of the earliest opportunity of furnishing you with the first of mine.

To lay broad and deep the foundations for God's claim upon our beneficence seems