

of feeling and action in this movement, and thus to give it greater weight throughout the church, the committee thought it desirable to make that proposal. They had less hesitation in doing so, because the object of this movement is not to deal with congregations in an inquisitorial manner, or to rebuke them for their unfaithfulness in the discharge of duty, but simply to preach the Gospel, and on the ground thereof to enforce the claims of the cause of Christ upon all who profess to belong to Him, and especially the matter of ministerial support. Accordingly, in case of congregations discharging their obligations satisfactorily in that matter, they will have to be commended, and not dealt with in any way whatever, which might imply censure. At the same time the committee have no power, neither have they the wish to force a visit upon any minister or congregation who may decline to receive it.

Further, amongst recently formed congregations in new Townships or Settlements, or amongst those whose membership is small, there may be some not able to come up to the stipend proposed as the minimum. These ought to receive the necessary aid from the Home Mission Fund, or any Supplementary Fund which may be formed for the purpose. The great majority of our congregations, however, giving less than \$600, might make an effort to reach that sum without much difficulty, whilst there are few of them, even giving above that amount, whether in town or country, who could not by very little exertion, individually, add materially to the comfort and welfare of their minister. They would themselves be no losers, but greatly the gainers thereby.

We doubt not that intelligent, devoted members of our church, generally, will hail with gladness this effort, and will be ready to give it both their countenance, and their hearty support, that so, through the blessing of God, it may be crowned with a large measure of success. If there were difficulty in accomplishing the object that is aimed at, or if the accomplishment of it were to entail any hardship or burden upon the members and adherents of the church, there might be hesitation in proceeding with it. But when there is reason to believe that comfort and encouragement and cheerfulness of heart, and thus vigour for his work can be imparted to many a minister and his household by little or no sacrifice on the part of congregations, individually or collectively, surely every right feeling should prompt us to make the attempt.

The best thanks of the committee are due to those ministers who have so readily consented to act as Deputies, as well as to the clerks and committees of Presbyteries who have put themselves to trouble in making the necessary arrangements.

The work is good. It is undertaken for no selfish end, but as one very intimately connected with the best interests of the church, and the building up of the Kingdom of Christ in our land. And therefore we commend it to Him who has the hearts of all in His hands, whose are the silver and the gold, and who, when He giveth grace to any, can make "the abundance of their joy in the experience of redeeming love, and even their deep poverty abound unto the riches of their liberality." "He who soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he who soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man, according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver."