

According to the statistics of last year there are 472 "Regular Charges" reported which should send contributions to the fund. Of that number 50 have not contributed. The majority of these are weak or vacant, still they could send something. A few of the congregations, however, which have not contributed are numerous and able, and it would be well if presbyteries enquired into the reason of their omission.

An even more serious drawback on the fund, is the smallness of contributions sent by some old, wealthy and large congregations. This, if not rectified, may tend to discourage others who are doing their utmost to bear a burden which the more able are unwilling to share.

With about 40,000 communicants on the Roll of our Church, we might accomplish far more than we have yet attained to. Some congregations give at the rate of \$1.00 per member, many reach \$0.70. But many, on the other hand, and not a few of them wealthy congregations do not much exceed \$0.10. With an average of \$0.50 we would have \$20,000 annually, or more than double the income of last year, and that can easily be reached in most congregations, and far exceeding in very many.

Appended is a list of the congregations which have not up to 1st May sent contributions to the Central Fund.

<i>Montreal</i>	10	Quebec, Lochiel, English River, Kenyon, Lingwick, Richmond, New Glasgow, Winslow, Metis, Farnham.
<i>Ottawa</i>	6	Aylmer, Ottawa Bank St., Dalhousie, Renfrew, Cumberland, Pakenham.
<i>Brockville</i>	4	Prescott, Colquhoun, S. Gower, Lyu.
<i>Cobourg</i>	1	Lakefield.
<i>Toronto</i>	2	Stayner, Mono.
<i>Hamilton</i>	3	Nairn, Dundas, Kilbride.
<i>Guelph</i>	1	Eden Mills.
<i>Stratford</i>	5	Millbank Morrington, Stratford, Morrington, Biddulph, Mitchell.
<i>London</i>	8	Williams, St. Thomas, Detroit, Aldboro, Amherstburg, Strathroy, Lobo, Florence.
<i>Huron</i>	2	Kincardine, Knox and West Church.
<i>Grey</i>	8	Mt. Forrest, Paisley, Carrick, Owen Sound Knox, Egremont, Tara, St. Vincent, N. Brant.

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The Presbyterian Church of Ireland has again shewn its deep interest in our Mission work by a liberal grant of £250 sterling. A request accompanied the gift, that the Buxton Mission should be liberally aided. This the committee has done; St. Sylvester also and Kennebec, as formerly, have to thank the church in Ireland for the large supplement which they raise.

IV.—GRANTS IN AID.

The committee guided by the reports of Presbyteries carefully revised the grants of the previous year. In some cases the grants have been increased, while in other instances congregations have been able to dispense with aid altogether, or require a smaller sum than formerly. Several New Stations and Congregations have been put on the lists. As intimated in last Report the Committee have endeavoured, when asked by Presbyteries, to make the stipend of ministers in charge, reach a *minimum* of \$450. For various reasons this has not been reached in every case, but a marked advance has been secured in many instances. The indirect influence of supplementing weak congregations has been to stimulate self-sustaining charges to greater liberality towards their ministers. In this indirect result of their operations the Committee feel much satisfaction.

The Committee have had much pleasure in being able promptly to meet the supplements in all the weak congregations. All these are paid, so far as known, up to April 1st, 1867. And as contrasted with the past experience of missionaries in the church, it is satisfactory to know that no minister or missionary has been kept waiting from want of funds, and that the presbyteries have not been burdened