

**Augmentation** Fifty three congregations in **Fund, East.** the Maritime Synod received aid last year from this Fund, and the total expenditure was \$8358.47, being \$95.22 more than the receipts. The amounts asked from Presbyteries and paid by them were as follows :

	Allocated.	Paid.
Presbytery of Sydney.....	\$ 478.00	\$ 487.00
“ “ Inverness.....	300.00	172.00
“ “ Pictou.....	1,240.00	1,243.03
“ “ Wallace.....	410.00	397.08
“ “ Truro.....	844.00	771 01
“ “ Halifax.....	1,350.00	2,037.83
“ “ L & Shelburne...	305.00	271.00
“ “ St. John.....	1,350.00	1050.00
“ “ Miramichi.....	647.00	589.46
“ “ P. E. I.....	1,166.00	1,053.00
“ “ Newfoundland...	250.00	.....

Of the 201 congregations in the Synod, 135 paid their allotments in full, 50 made partial payments, and 21 gave nothing.

Two congregations became self-sustaining during the year, but some groups of the Mission Stations have been advanced a stage, and will this year be aided by this Fund instead of by the Home Mission Fund. Grants are to be made to 59 congregations, and the demands will thus be a little larger than last year, but they are chiefly demands of growth and success in Home Mission work. The Synod heartily agreed to ask of Presbyteries as follows :

Sydney.....	\$ 490
Inverness.....	310
Wallace.....	423
Pictou.....	1,277
Truro.....	869
Halifax.....	2,000
Lunenburg.....	375
Shelburne.....	}
St. John.....	1,390
Miramichi.....	666
P. E. Island.....	1,200
	\$4000

The Maritime people have always most loyally and generously supported this scheme, and have thus carried out two great principles of Presbyterianism, viz., that the Church is one, and, that the strong should help the weak, bearing one another's burdens, and so fulfilling the law of Christ.

**Ch. Building Funds.** One of the best agencies for making successful and permanent the home work of any church, is a fund to aid weak and struggling congregations in securing a place of worship. A building, which without such aid would be impossible, gives visibility to a cause, stimulates the liberality of the people, making a centre around which their efforts can unite; and the result of a small grant or loan judiciously given, has been, in some thirty, in some sixty, and in some, perhaps, a hundred-fold gain to the cause of Christ, in leading to the growth of large and flourishing congregations, ready to help others in their turn.

There may be said to be four such funds in our Church. The oldest, the Hunter Church Building Fund, was a bequest by Mr. C. D. Hunter, a Halifax merchant, some twenty-five years ago, to aid weak congregations in N. S. and P. E. I. The second is the Church and Manse Building Fund of Manitoba and the North West, started some fourteen years ago by Dr. Robertson, and which has done untold good in that great Home field. The third, which is yet but small, but which has done good work similar to the others, and is most deserving of help, has for its field of operation the wide Home Mission territory of northern Ontario; Barrie, Algoma, Muskoka, etc. The fourth, which may be said to be just beginning, is for the Province of New Brunswick.

**Ch. Building** As the Hunter Church Building Fund for N. B. Committee cannot, from the terms of the bequest, make grants outside N. S. and P. E. I., a movement is on foot to raise a similar fund for N. B., which is a large missionary Presbytery with many weak and struggling charges. The effort, for which Mr. Ross, superintendent of Mission work in that Presbytery, so earnestly pleads, deserves rich success.

**A. and I. M.** The report to the Maritime Synod Fund, East, on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, East, showed that the Fund has gone back considerably during the year. Only one hundred and thirteen ministers, scarce half the number in the Synod, pay to it the regular rates. Synod strongly urged all to join; it and pay the rates, and to ask their congregations to give to it as liberally as possible, that the small sum of \$200, allowed to aged and infirm ministers, may be fully met.

**Country and Isaac's Harbors.** The two oldest Mission Stations in the Maritime Synod, and probably the oldest of the more than a thousand Mission Stations in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, are Country Harbor and Isaac's Harbor, N. S. The former was first settled by disbanded troops at the close of the Revolutionary war. At an early date our church supplied them with ordinances, and with more or less regularity the supply has been continued. The people have given liberally, two churches have been built, but the numbers are few, and they have never been organized into a congregation.

**Cape George.** Few but faithful are the Presbyterians of Cape George, N. S.; some twenty families, in the midst of a solid mass of Romanism, and twenty miles distant from Antigonish, the nearest Protestant community. With little change in the numbers in the passing years, they are supplied by a catechist in summer and get what preaching the Presbytery can give them in the winter.