

The following table will exhibit at a glance the several contributions of the respective Presbyteries;—it being premised that the contributions to the Bursary Fund, and for congregational libraries—about £100—are included in the miscellanies.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

PRESBYTERIES.			Total.....
Montreal.....	1988	167	14160
London.....	2864	142	1039
Hamilton.....	3302	262	1291
Toronto.....	1878	286	421
Cobourg.....	1533	102	849
Kingston.....	941	37	622
Brockville and Ottawa..	1654	43	309
Stipend.			
Ordinary.			
Building.			
F. C. Mission'y Society.			
Buxton Mission.			
Foreign Mission.			
Widows' Fund.			
Pres. Home Mission.			
Paid on Buildings.			
Miscellaneous.			

The following is a recapitulation of the sums contributed by the respective Presbyteries:—

Montreal ....	£5293;	last year...	£5109.
London.....	5858;	"	5096.
Hamilton....	12604;	"	7157.
Toronto.....	5393;	"	4876.
Cobourg.....	3717;	"	3905.
Kingston....	1696;	"	1254.
Brockville & Ottawa....	2476;	"	2691.
Total....	£37037;	"	£30088.

The increase is thus shown to be about £7,000. There has been an increase in all the Presbyteries except Cobourg, and Brockville & Ottawa.

Whatever remarks the Synod may see fit to make in reference to the smallness of some of the contributions, the Committee believe that there is no denomination, containing so many congregations that returns so few non-contributors. The history of the past year has been remarkable for the pressure in the commercial world, and no doubt, this pressure has in part affected many of the friends of our schemes. In some form, all parties have been influenced by the state of the money market; and it would appear that while the ability of some of our members may have been lessened, the liberality of others has not corresponded with the enhanced value of produce. On the whole, it is the opinion of the Committee that it would be unfair to estimate the prospective amount of our congregational benefactions from data afforded by a year of unusual commercial depression.

In looking over the above table it is surprising to find how small is the average contribution of each member within the respective Presbyteries! If the aggregate amount raised by each Presbytery be divided among the members within its bounds, the following will be the average contribution of each member:—

Presbytery of Montreal.....	£2 15 0
" Brockville & Ottawa.....	1 3 0
" Kingston.....	2 11 0
" Cobourg.....	1 17 0
" Toronto.....	2 12 0
" Hamilton.....	3 8 6
" London.....	2 7 6

If, again, the total contributions of the church, amounting to £37,037, be divided among the aggregate number of members, the average contribution of each will be about £2 12s. 6d—a small sum, but yet a sum not surpassed by many of the churches in the Old or New world!

The Presbytery of Hamilton stands first for the amount raised. It occupied this pre-eminence last year also. The congregations in the City of Hamilton have raised very large sums. The McNab Street Church has put forth a very successful effort to raise contributions for its Building Fund, but Knox's Church, as before, stands first in its ordinary contributions.

In conclusion, the Committee would briefly recapitulate some of the items on which they desiderate the conference of the Synod.