

once or in three separate annual instalments.

2. That none of the money be paid until the whole amount is subscribed for; and that in case of failure, the plan now in operation be followed out, and, if possible, worked more vigorously.

3. That two ministers be appointed for the purpose of obtaining said subscriptions, whose pulpits shall be supplied by the Synod when engaged in this work.— And the committee recommend that the Rev. Messrs. Hugh McLeod of Sydney, and Alex. Forrester of Halifax, be appointed, with power to add to their number.

4. That as soon as the sum is subscribed, the Lists shall be placed in the hands of the College Board, who shall authorize the payment of the whole or the first instalment to the Treasurer of the district, and that every effort be made for the completion of the subscription list before the next meeting of Synod.

5. That the ministers and preachers be instructed to render every assistance in their power to this deputation when in their respective localities.

6. That the College Board be requested to provide the necessary means for the carrying out of the before-mentioned scheme.

This report, as has already been stated, was adopted by the Synod, and the Rev. Messrs. McLeod and Forrester were duly appointed for the prosecution of the scheme therein propounded.

Most of our readers are aware that even before the Collegiate Institute was in full operation, the Professorial Fund, as it is called, was in existence. As its name indicates, its object was to provide such a Fund, as that the interest thereof when securely invested, would be sufficient for the support of at least two Professors. The capital proposed to be raised for this purpose was £10,000; and it was hoped, if the professed adherents of the Free Church in the Lower Provinces did their duty, that that sum might be realized in the course of four years; during which time, it was understood, the parent church would, in the exercise of its wonted liberality, provide an adequate support for the Professors. That period terminated in 1851, and instead of £10,000 only about £2,400 had been realized, which, with the interest and the contributions of last year, now amounts to £2900, leaving thereby a deficiency of a little more than £7000. Various reasons may be assigned for this deficiency.

There is, first of all, the failure generally of the crops, in this and the sister Provinces, which in some settlements produced a dearth of the necessaries of life, nearly approaching to a famine. There was the want too of a thorough agency to visit annually the associations formed for the purpose, as well as to stimulate the congregations to the greatest possible exertions on behalf of the fund. When we consider these things, and especially when we take into account the fact that in consequence of the lack of agency, several of the largest districts and some of the most influential congregations have as yet contributed but little if any thing at all, the wonder is that so much has been raised. At all events, what has been raised is, in our opinion, sufficient to hold out a reasonable hope that, with the improving crops and a more thorough appreciation of the importance of the Fund, the deficiency of £7000 may be made up in the course of three years. The plan now proposed will, it is hoped, have the effect of equalizing the contributions to this fund over the length and breadth of the Free Church throughout the various Colonies intended to be benefited by the College, as each district and congregation will be canvassed, and the whole sum subscribed for before any of the subscriptions is demanded. Besides, if *bona fide* subscriptions of the proposed amount be obtained, not a few, we are persuaded, will be disposed to pay up their contributions at once, and by this means, put the church in a position in the course of little more than a year to support at least one Professor, and thus so far, at least relieve the Colonial committee. All this will, undoubtedly, demand, on the part of the adherents and friends of the Free Church in these Colonies, no ordinary effort, and will entail on the deputation appointed by the church an immense amount of toil. But is not the end to be accomplished worthy of it all? The church at home has provided the College and Academy buildings, which are spacious and commodious, and which are now nearly free from debt, and she is still continuing the main portion of the support of the Professors, and surely it behoves the church now to come forward, and, by a vigorously-sustained effort, provide an adequate endowment for the Institution in all time coming. The advantages that will accrue to religion, to the cause of healthy Presbyterianism, and especially to the interests of the Free Church, from a well-equipped Collegiate Institute at Halifax,