

establishment of a Theological seminary in London. Under the same conviction, the Free Church of Scotland which, in proportion to her means, has sent out so many ministers to the British Colonies, is endeavouring to lend a more efficient aid, by promoting among them the cause of ministerial training. Canada, the Lower Provinces of British North America, and Australia, are each enjoying the benefit of her fostering care in this respect; and, if they are faithful to themselves, may soon be in circumstances both to provide supply for their own pulpits, and to send help to those who inhabit more destitute regions. The progress which Canada has been making towards this may stimulate our efforts; and we would congratulate that church on being enabled, from among those of their own training, to appoint a young minister of so devoted a spirit, and of so much promise, as the Reverend John Black, to the Red River Settlement—a settlement with a population of about two thousand persons, and which, after about thirty years of anxious expectation, they have the honour of first supplying with a minister.

The most serious inconveniences are felt when there is no stable fund for the support of the Professors. The numerous colleges which have been instituted in the United States have been sorely tried with these inconveniences; and the Presbyterian Church there is at present engaged in the most strenuous efforts to secure endowments for their various collegiate institutions. We just give a specimen. The Report of the Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church, for the year 1850, states, "The endowment of the seminary at New Albany is also making considerable progress. Two professorships have been endowed during the year to the amount of fifteen thousand dollars each; one through the liberality of a single individual, and the other by the churches of Kentucky. The latter is to be increased to twenty thousand dollars." The Presbyterian Church in Canada has been involved in very serious difficulties in consequence of having to depend on each year's contributions for the support of its Professors. The Free Church of Scotland has felt much of the same difficulty; and it is to save us in the Lower Provinces from being tried in the same way, that she is at present supporting the Professors of the Halifax college; in the confident expectation that the church here will shew themselves not unworthy of the noble effort which is made

in their behalf, and that they will exert themselves, in the mean time, to make a permanent provision for their Professors. In consequence of unpropitious seasons, and, it may be, from other causes, the contributions hitherto have been much smaller than was anticipated. The progress, however, which has been made in the face of unexpected difficulties, is sufficiently encouraging; and we call upon those whom God has blessed with the means to bethink themselves of their duty, and to act accordingly.

Ministers ought to see that due means are employed to make their people, and those among whom they may occasionally officiate in districts where there is not a settled pastor, acquainted with the object for which their subscriptions are solicited; and to secure the services of suitable agents as collectors. Much must naturally depend on the faithfulness and the judgment with which the minister acts in these matters, but the responsibility does not rest exclusively with him.—The case is quite conceivable that ministers may not be very active in the adoption of the measures which they ought officially to superintend and to urge on.—In such cases, we would remind collectors, and the people at large, that they have an interest and a duty in these matters to attend to, even where individual ministers (as has been alleged in some instances) may fail to point it out; and that every true friend of the church ought to act with all earnestness both in contributing according to his means, and in improving his opportunities, whether as a collector or otherwise, of stirring others up to contribute to the same cause.

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