

PROFESSORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND—REV. MR McLEOD.

This talented and devoted minister has returned to Sydney, after six weeks' absence, during which time he has been pleading with much energy the cause of the Professorial Endowment Fund, and obtaining subscriptions on its behalf. After visiting two or three settlements in Cape Breton on his way, he proceeded to the Presbytery of Pictou proper, and the reception given him by all the friends of our cause there was not only cordial but enthusiastic. Every one of the congregations visited by Mr. McLeod responded most nobly to the call, and, in several instances, individuals who were supposed to be on the side of our opponents, came forward and subscribed most liberally.—All this will be most readily acceded to when we state that no less a sum than £1700 has been subscribed by the Presbytery of Pictou proper; and we have little doubt but this sum will yet be raised to £2000. A noble contribution thus proving to a demonstration the attachment of our friends, in Pictou County, to the cause of the Free Church.

When we consider that Prince Edward's Island is yet unvisited, that comparatively little has been done in Cape Breton, that more than the half of our friends in the Presbytery of Halifax have not yet been applied to, and several congregations in New Brunswick remaining to be visited, that, in short, not nearly one half of our adherents in these Lower Colonies have been canvassed, and that the Rev. Messrs. McLeod and Forrester have already obtained subscriptions to the amount of £4500, the realization of the proposed sum may be calculated upon with every measure of certainty. These gentlemen have, no doubt, a great amount of labor still before them, but if spared, and in the enjoyment of health, we trust they will be able to complete the canvass of all the adhering congregations before the next meeting of Synod, at the end of June; and that they will then present a Subscription List which will be as confounding to the enemies of the Free Church as it will be cheering and encouraging to her friends. It is our decided conviction that an opportunity should be given to every adhering congregation in these Lower Provinces to contribute to this cause as the Lord hath prospered them; and this not merely for the purpose of securing an ample endowment for our Collegiate Institute, but because of the reflex influence which such a movement

will exert over the whole well-being of our Zion, awakening a deeper interest on behalf of all her undertakings, and bringing down in copious abundance the refreshing dews of heaven throughout all her borders.

MR. MORRISON'S LIST.

We beg to direct the special attention of our readers to a list of contributions on behalf of the Professorial Endowment Fund handed in by Mr. Donald Morrison. Mr. Morrison and a goodly number of Cape Bretonians have been obliged to repair to the neighbouring States for employment, for a season, though, we trust, a brief one. Though expatriated from their native land, they have not proved forgetful of the Church of their fathers, or of the ecclesiastical and educational wants of Cape Breton. We have on former occasions been favoured with a contribution from Mr. M. on behalf of the same object, and we have little doubt that the large and liberal donations recorded in our pages are mainly owing to his unwearied zeal and perseverance in the cause of Christ. But even allowing all this, the whole matter furnishes a fine illustration of what one individual can accomplish in furthering the interest of our Zion and in leaving the mass of his associates with a fraternal, expansive spirit. We are sure it will be gratifying to Mr. Morrison to learn that there are nearly 20 young men from Cape Breton attending our educational institution this winter.

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GERMAN KIRCHENTAG—RETURN TO THE AUGSBURG CONFES- SION.

The hour is come when the Reformation must progress and triumph, or be driven back and perish. But in order to triumph, or rather, we should say, to exist, union among its friends appears at this hour to be absolutely essential. But how is union to be attained? Christians have spent three centuries in learning to divide. How can they in a day learn the lesson of uniting? The first means is prayer—prayer for the descent of that blessed Spirit whose work it is to open all eyes to the apprehension of truth, and all hearts to the love of it. Truth is one, and Christians knowing and loving the truth will be one. The second way of attaining union is by returning to first principles. In the history of the past three centuries there is much that needs to be forgot-