

advancement and prosperity of the Church, it cannot but be admitted that special prayer for the blessing of God, and for the outpouring of the spirit on Professors, students, and young men who may be looking forward to the work of the ministry, is required of all the members of the Church. Prayer should be habitually presented at the throne of grace in behalf of an institution so intimately connected with the cause of God in our land. But a day of special prayer is also of importance, and it is for our encouragement to know that in the history of Theological Colleges a special outpouring of the spirit of God has not unfrequently been connected with a day of special prayer in their behalf. May the prayers, which shall be offered throughout the Church in behalf of our Theological Institution, be abundantly answered!

COLLECTION IN AID OF THE WIDOWS' FUND AND FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.—The collection in aid of the Widows' Fund and the Fund for aged and infirm Ministers, is appointed to be taken up in all the Congregations and Mission Stations on the third Sabbath of the present month. It is of importance that due intimation be given, and that the collection be made as generally as possible throughout the Church. Of course, if circumstances render a change of the day necessary, the collection should be made as soon as possible, and remitted to the Rev. W. Reid, Toronto. One half of the collection is appropriated to the Ministers Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and the other half to the Fund for aged and infirm Ministers. Both funds are of importance, and are intimately connected with the prosperity of the Church. There are at present seven widows of ministers receiving annuities from the Widows' Fund, and there are also three ministers receiving annuities from the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers. The numbers of both are likely to increase every year. It should be borne in mind that there is at present no accumulated capital for the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. This makes it all the more necessary that the collection should be liberal throughout the Church.

Home Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

PORT HOPE.—The Congregation of Port Hope have given a call to the Rev. John McMechan, of Berlin.

SAGUEN.—The Rev. A. Tolmie, of Innerkip, has received a call from the Members of the Southampton First and West Arran Congregation.

GALT.—On the 10th ult. the Rev. W. T. Murdoch was ordained and inducted as Pastor of the Second Congregation of Galt. Most of the Members of the Presbytery of Guelph were present, and several Ministers connected with the neighbouring Presbyteries. The Rev. A. McLean, of Puslinch, preached and presided; the ordination prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Barrie, and the Rev. Messrs. Ball and Thom severally addressed the Minister and Congregation. In the evening a Congregational Soiree was held in the Town Hall, at which the newly inducted Minister presided. After refreshments had been partaken