

By filling up a schedule like the following, you will simplify the matter.

Name of Minister, &c.	Age.	Condition.			Wife's Age.	No. Children.	Respective Ages of Children.
		Married or Single.	Bach'lor	Widow'r			
A. B.	47	Married			42	4	15, 13, 9, 5
C. D.	35		Bach'lor				
E. F.	53			Widow'r	2	2	9, 7.

Hoping that the above may be intelligible, and lead to an harmonious and satisfactory result, and to efficiency in the scheme,

I have the honour to be,
Rev. and Dear Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
G. SMELLIE.

To the Clerk of the Presbytery of _____

N. B.—In order to economize trouble and expense, Presbytery Clerks are requested to regard the above note and list of Queries as a circular addressed to them individually, and dated from the time of publication. And the attention of members of Presbyteries generally is earnestly invited to the same, before they meet in Court, that they may be able deliberately to consider the points submitted, and come to their Presbyteries prepared to confer with their brethren, and to decide on the subject.

G. S.

REPORT OF COLLEGE COMMITTEE.

(Continued from page 172 of last Record.)

At the close of the present Session, three students finished their Collegiate course, and have gone to their several Presbyteries for license, viz., Mr. John Black, Mr. William Ball, and Mr. James Duncan.

The first mentioned of these, it may be remarked, is the first student going forth from us who has prosecuted his whole academical studies with us. Some interest surely attaches to this circumstance, in connexion with these facts—that it was the fame of our Disruption which drew him from the adjacent States, to which, with his parents, he had emigrated from Scotland, to seek admission to the ministry amongst us; and that he is devoted as the first Missionary from our church to the French Canadians. The last of the above-mentioned students, originally from the New College, Edinburgh, has been a partial student in our College, and that only from a kind of necessity, induced by the want of licentiate, whose work he has been doing,—a necessity to which it is right to say he himself, as well as the Committee, submitted with regret.

It may be expected that henceforth the issue of students, who shall have completed their course in our College, will be in some regular proportion to the whole number in attendance. Thus, supposing an attendance on the scale of last Session, with an average course of 5 years for each student, we shall be able to send forth eight annually; or, supposing it reach 50, we shall send forth annually 10. And, even at this rate, an ample supply will soon be found for vacant congregations, and missionaries will be greatly increased.

Surely we have here special encouragement for seeking to maintain, extend, and perfect our institution, as a school for those whom our churches give us for the service of the adorable Saviour!

That a larger number of students do not go forth from us this season to be licensed, has excited feelings of disappointment in some quarters; but we trust that it will be regarded as rather making for the College, when it is known that two or three students, whom the Committee could have recommended to Presbyteries in regard to the maturity of their acquirements, were themselves so urgent to attend another Session, with a view to a still further prosecution of theological study, that the Committee consented to their wishes.

Your Committee do not forget that the entire

institution has much of a provisional character: its charter being found only in the acts of the Synod, its property only in its library, and its endowments in the free-will contributions of the church. These circumstances are not, however, any real indications of weakness; for let the church but enjoy a more copious measure of divine influence—let her office-bearers and members give themselves more devotedly to the upbuilding and extending his kingdom in this land, and then students will be multiplied, yea, and Professors too, with all the funds and appliances needful for their support and success in the work of instruction.

In the Preparatory Department of the College, we are hopeful that no great permanent increase to the staff of Professors will be required.

The Synod and Church at large, before our disruption, too hastily concluded that the exclusive system of the Provincial University of King's College was unchangeable, and set themselves about founding a University for themselves. Changes have since passed upon King's College, and there is a prospect that, at no distant day, other changes will be introduced into it which shall enable us to take advantage of it as a school of learning and science. Certainly there are many considerations, on which it is unnecessary here to dwell, that would recommend our taking advantage of all the educational institutions of the country, to the full extent of their capacity of benefiting us.

As members of the body politic, we have an interest in the Provincial University as much as in the District and Common Schools. And so, in our theological institution, the founding of Professorships or Tutorships for any department of learning that is properly of a preparative kind, should be regarded as a matter of necessity, not of choice.

The changes in King's College, to which we look forward, cannot be effected until the Provincial Legislature shall have met; and then, it is to be kept in mind, that with the most favourable modification of the Government and management of King's College, many of the students who come to us would require a preparative training before they could be sent to its classes. For such training, our Academy, and the services of a Tutor in the College, specially appointed to the work, may be available. And moreover, while we regard every branch of learning and science as more or less connected with theology, moral science has bearings and connexions with it so intimate and important, than a due regard to the right culture of theology may require that the Professorship of moral science shall be a permanent foundation in our College.

We doubt not that it will be satisfactory to the members of the church generally to be informed that there is thus a prospect that even a large increase of our students will not call for any great increase of the instructors in the preparatory department of the College.

It has obtained some notoriety that a difference of opinion has existed in the Committee in regard to the mode of conducting the class of mental science. It may be enough here to state that at a meeting of the General Committee, regularly convened, though thinly attended, the following Resolution was adopted:—

“That a Class be established in the College for the teaching of general Mental Training, with Logic or Rhetoric, including after an elementary view of the mental powers:

1st.—Instruction in the rules of intuitive as well as syllogistic reasoning, with exposition and practical illustration of the laws of evidence, and of the prejudices and fallacies which mislead the human understanding.

2nd.—Analysis and exercise of the powers of taste, especially with reference to the art of composition, with illustrations of the various styles in writing, and of the rules of method, appropriate to the communication as well as the acquisition of truth.”

Mr. Eason entered his dissent from this resolution, for reasons which he gave in to the Committee. He has since expressed his desire to have the matter decided by a Special Committee of the Synod; and such an issue of the question in dispute

will be equally agreeable to the whole of the College Committee.

SUGGESTIONS.

Your Committee, in closing this Report, take leave to suggest to your venerable Court that it is their opinion that the administration of the College may be improved by separating the direction of the studies and discipline of the College from the management of its funds and other general interests; and they recommend that the former should be left to the Professors, with the Professor of Theology as Chairman of their Court, and the latter to a Board or Committee appointed as heretofore by the Synod from year to year, without limiting the appointment to the members of the Synod.

In regard to the admission of students, the Committee recommend that it be prominently held forth to the church at large, and especially to all applicants for admission to the College, that the first and essential qualification of students for the ministry is the experience of the transforming power of the Gospel in the heart of the student himself; and that next to this is the possession of some suitable natural gifts.—That applicants for admission shall appear before the College Committee, or a Sub-Committee, and shall produce testimonials of their religious character and habits, their talents and acquirements, while they shall also be examined, and, when approved of, passed to the Professors for admission to the classes.

That at the close of every Session the College Committee, or an examining Sub-Committee, shall examine each student both as to progress in study and personal piety, and certify him to the Presbytery within whose bounds he is to reside for the summer vacation. And that at the close of the curriculum, the student shall present his testimonials from the Professors, and undergo a final examination before the College Committee, or an examining Sub-Committee, and shall receive such certificate as the case may warrant before applying to the Presbytery to be taken on trials for licence.

It is further recommended that the College Committee at an early meeting, after the close of the Synod, shall consider and define some minimum of attainments in classical and general knowledge, to be possessed by applicants before they shall be received as students in the College; it being understood that any otherwise qualified, who come short of this minimum, may be received for a season into the Academy, or put under the care of such tutors or instructors as the Committee may appoint or recommend.

Also, that the Committee shall at the same time define a minimum of acquirements in classical literature and science, to be possessed by students before they shall be admitted to the study of theology; the Committee retaining the power of modifying their regulations in these matters in very special circumstances.

It is also recommended that the College Committee may authorize the opening of any classes in the College to other students than those who are formally received as students for the ministry in our own church, and may authorize the payment of fees by any such students. Also, that the Committee may consider whether, so long as no class fees are paid by our own students, a higher fee than the one now paid for matriculation may not be required.

The Committee, in now surrendering their trust to the Synod, rejoice to think that with many labours and cares connected with the College there are yet so many circumstances of a hopeful character; and of these, it should be distinctly noticed that the hearty interest felt in the College by the office-bearers and members of the church generally is not the least considerable. In conducting the College, we are indeed like men toiling at the oar; but, blessed be God, it is on a stream that is bearing us rapidly onwards on our course. This consideration may well cheer us in the labours and sacrifices which we are called to make. And as we reflect that the times are demanding of us not merely spiritual labourers in greater numbers, but these men of high attainments, we should be stimu-