

cles of interest and merit, to take a wider range in our selections, and, in short, to spare no effort to make it to all classes a journal highly interesting and instructive.

The same course which has governed us during the past year will continue to actuate us for the time to come. We have, however, made an arrangement by which more care and time can be given to the Editorial management; while active friends, who have zealously co-operated with us in the past, will continue to give to the business details and management of the paper a constant superintendence.

Before the close of another year we hope to be able from the profits of the magazine to assist some of the schemes of the church, either by giving Bursaries to students, or aiding in the work of missions. We offer our grateful thanks to our numerous friends throughout the country, for their valuable contributions, and we ask them to continue to assist us in the work in which we are engaged: a work, on our part, certainly not a selfish one, but calculated, we think, to build up and strengthen the cause of the great Presbyterian family in this dependency of the British Empire; while, at the same time, it tends to increase the love and veneration with which we regard the Church of Scotland, to which we are attached by so many tender and endearing associations; and from which we have received, and do still receive, so many benefits and advantages.

We regard the Home Mission and Endowment Scheme as the most important of all the Schemes of the Synod; for the extension, the progress, nay, almost the very existence, of the Church depend upon its success. We therefore learn, with unfeigned sorrow, that it is now in such a position as to give the most serious concern to every friend of the Church.

The original plan adopted for working this effort was, in our judgment, a wise and judicious one, and one that should be still kept steadily in view. Had it been earlier adopted, and more vigorously urged, and had stricter attention been paid to the gathering in of subscriptions promised, the results, even now, would have been most gratifying. When the ministers of our Church made over to the Synod the sum realized by the commutation of their annuities from the Clergy Reserves Fund, it was seen that a large addition to the Fund would be required, in order to enable it to accomplish the desirable end of supple-

menting the stipend of every minister, and thus making him partially independent of his people, while their burdens would also be lightened. To meet this want, it was resolved that an appeal should be made to the Laity to raise an additional Fund for the purpose of investment and also that an annual collection should be taken up in all the churches, to be applied to immediate expenditure. In Eastern Canada the Endowment effort has, to a considerable extent, been successful. From Western Canada the response has not been hearty, and the results of the efforts made on behalf of the Endowment, have been, except in one or two quarters, inconsiderable. The annual collections, too, have not been so general or so liberal as they might and ought to have been. The depression of the country has contributed in part to this result, and besides by diminishing the revenue of the Fund derivable from the investments of the Temporalities monies, has aided in bringing about the present crisis. We grieve to state that the revenues of the Fund are no longer sufficient to pay £50 to those ministers, who have been settled over charges recently. No less than twenty seven of these will be disappointed in their expectations of receiving a supplement on the first of January; and, more grievous still, unless the liberality of the people supplies a prompt remedy, many others who have hitherto been receiving aid, will be struck off the list of recipients. The Board charged with the management of the Fund have, we learn, met the crisis with prompt energy, and have resolved to cast themselves upon the generous sympathies and Christian liberality of the people. To pay £50 to those ministers hitherto receiving it, to provide a like sum for those ministers recently settled, and to provide for the extension of the Church, an annual sum of £1200 will be required. To secure this, a Committee has been appointed, whose chairman, Rev. Dr. Cook, has issued an appeal, suggesting a plan agreed to by the Board, and which it is hoped may be successful. In the raising of this sum all the congregations have an interest, old as well as new, for as the commuting ministers are called away by death, congregations now receiving aid in the support of their ministers will be placed on the £50 list. The congregations whose ministers have been recently settled over them have however a more direct and immediate interest in the matter.

The Board therefore propose that, adopt-