

regained his health to such a measure that he made up his mind to remove to Scotland to spend there the remainder of his days. Previous to his departure, the Synod presented him with an affectionate and grateful Address in which special reference was made to the munificent gift of his Library to the College. Friends in this city and elsewhere united in a testimonial to him the day before his final farewell. No one who was present at that deeply affecting interview will forget the solemn, earnest, fatherly and pathetic words of our venerable father and friend. Much as he loved Scotland, he loved Nova Scotia very much too, and he left behind him here the people who held him most dear on earth. It was not without much and unwonted hesitation that he made up his mind finally to cross the ocean. Happily his health was greatly improved by his return to Scotland; and he was, till within a few weeks of his death, remarkably vigorous for a man of his years and labours.

Dr. King has left his mark permanently upon the Presbyterianism of these Provinces. He was the first Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, and he took the deepest interest in the prosperity of all her enterprizes. It is impossible to speak too highly of him as a man of conscience towards God and men. He was a straightforward antagonist, an honest counsellor, a faithful and most loyal friend. He regarded with the devoutest reverence the Word of God and he delighted greatly in its exposition. He was as far as possible above cant and sham; and was every whit an honest man.

THE SUPPLEMENTING FUND.

The time has fully come to direct the attention of the Church to the present position of the Supplementing Fund. It may be that this has already been delayed too long, but my explanation is that as the needs of other schemes—chiefly the Foreign Mission and Education—for some months past have, perhaps, been greater, I was unwilling to interfere in any way with the appeals which have been made on their behalf. But, as has just been said, the time

has come when this duty can no longer be delayed.

I have received from the Treasurer a statement, made up to March 12th, of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Fund for the present financial year, so far as it has gone,—which statement it may be as well to give here:

RECEIPTS.

Bal. on hand May 31, 1873.....	\$ 846 21
Rec'd from Irish Pres. Ch.,	£50 stg. 243 33
“ F. Ch. of Scotland,	£100. 486 67
“ W. Quebec.....	100 00
“ Our own People, (78 congregations contributing.)	1592 57
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EXPENDITURE.

Supplement paid to 30 congregations with other expenses	3099 30
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Balance..... \$ 169 48

(As to this balance I may remark that it is more in appearance than in reality, as a payment falls to be made out of it which will all but sweep it away.)

Now, at first sight, the position of the Fund would seem not to be an unsatisfactory one, if so far all claims have been met and nearly three months of the financial year are yet to run. But the matter assumes a very different aspect when it is considered, (1) that on the first day of July next about \$2000 will be required to provide for the payment of the half-yearly supplements then due; (2) That of the whole amount contributed so far this year, not much more than one half, *i. e.*, say \$1600, has been contributed by our own Church, for nearly \$500 of the Balance from last year, with which the account opens was given by the Free Church of Scotland; and (3), that, as I am informed by the Treasurer, *four* congregations have contributed more than *one third* of this \$1600.

Such, then, is the present position of the Fund. At this date the receipts and expenditure about balance each other, and at the expiration of three months, about \$2000 will be needed to pay the supplements then due. While it is, perhaps, not far from the truth to say that having regard to the foregoing facts, the Church as a whole has not come up to the help of this scheme in the measures that might fairly be expected of it.