

are the means by which a Church or each congregation of a Church can keep its affairs prosperous, pay its ministers regularly, keep its Sabbath Schools increasing and doing good, adding by its means to the increase of the flock. It is by these means that the whole operations of the Church are to be kept in motion—Home Missionary work extended—new fields cultivated—the waste places of the land turned into a fruitful garden. How is it that so many refuse to comply with resolutions of the Synod, and neglect to give any information of their position, holding themselves aloof in cold isolation, and indifference to the general good. Do the office-bearers never consider how much their labours would be lightened by comparing what they are doing with what other congregations, not richer than theirs, are able to accomplish? We all know the power of emulation in the human heart; how, under its stimulus, men are able to perform what they would otherwise believe impossible. Where there is a want of system nothing great can be looked for—work seems to hang heavy—and the slightest exertion appears to become a burden. Has not every one heard grumblings about there being always demands for Church purposes, for Sabbath Schools, for missionaries, by the very people who are doing least, and this grumbling disheartens the ministers and session from making any effort at all. If they would try what a little publicity would do; if they would show exactly how much was given yearly, and put it alongside of what is given by, perhaps, a neighbouring charge, they would be astonished to find how soon the fault-finding would disappear. And if every congregation forward to the committee on statistics the true state of its affairs there would be fewer complaints of unpaid ministers and a lukewarm people. We do not say that the mere fact of sending in an annual report would work this change; but the fact of doing so would awaken more life, would lead to the devising of schemes to wipe off the stigma of being dead to every claim and of taking no interest even in those things which might seem to appeal most strongly to their feelings in their own more immediate concerns. Every Church but our own publishes information of its affairs. The Church of England in Canada, has a very full and minute report; the Methodist Church, the Canada Presbyterian Church, have the same. Why should we be alone in this neglect? Why should the carelessness and neglect of a part of our office-

bearers deprive us of the benefit of ascertaining where the weakness or strength of our Church is to be found? As long as we are unable or unwilling to give to our adherents the information they must and will have, before their interest can be awakened, so long shall our progress be impeded and our growth checked.



QUEEN'S University has published its calendar for 1866-67, which contains particulars of the very complete course of study required of those who desire to attain its highest honours. To the rules, curriculum, &c., we have before referred.

The list of donations to the library last year shews that 1082 volumes were added to the library. Although increasing, this adjunct of the University is not so complete as it ought to be. The greater part of the increase must come from the assistance of friends, as the funds at the disposal of the Librarian for purchases are very inadequate. It is to be hoped, therefore, that this year may see as large, if not a larger increase than last; and that those in our Church who have the means may take a pleasure in fulfilling what, in some respects, is the duty, of assisting in the education of our young men by the aid given by a choice of the best works on general subjects, as well as those which treat of the particular subject of their studies.

Four prizes for Essays are announced for the session of 1866-67.

1. The Kingston Prize.—Value \$50. For the best Essay on "Confederation in its bearings upon the commercial prosperity of the British American Provinces." Open to all Students.

2. The Toronto Prize.—Value \$40.—For the best Essay on "The Oratory of the Ancient Greeks and Romans." Open to all Students in Arts.

3. The Montreal Prize.—Value \$40. For the best Essay on "The Sabbath in its Mosaic and Christian Aspects." Open to all Students of Theology.

4. Church Agents Prize.—Value \$25. For the best Essay on "The Scriptural Argument for Presbyterianism." Open to all Students of Theology.

These are to be given under the following conditions:—1. The Essays are to be sent to the Registrar not later than the first Monday of November next, before