

of the two Churches. The Free Church had three Professors, receiving, per annum, £750. Of this sum, £375 were chargeable on the Fund called the Professorial Fund, raised in the Provinces, and duly invested. The balance (£375) was paid by the Colonial Committee of the Free Church in Scotland. The Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia had four Professors,—one of these temporary and not included in these calculations,—with salaries amounting, say, as now, to £560, dependent on the interest of about £2600 invested funds, and the annual contributions of the Church, making, for both Churches, inclusive of the Preparatory School, now in operation, £1370.

To meet these expenditures, there was, as above, the interest of the Free Church Professorial Fund, about £375, and the grant from the Colonial Committee in Scotland, £375—£750. Invested funds (interest of) of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, £156, together with annual contributions, and occasional drafts on the Special Effort. At last meeting of Synod, it was stated that the grant from the Colonial Committee (£375) would, likely, be withdrawn, inasmuch as, by Union, the two Bodies might be justly considered competent to maintain their own Institutions; and the continuance of the grant, under such circumstances, would be an injustice to the less self-supporting, and necessitous, schemes of the Home Church. In these views we fully concur; and in the consequent action of the Colonial Committee.

Early in the year, notice was given, by the Colonial Committee, of their intention to withdraw the grant; and though it may be continued, in whole, or in part, till Synod, yet the Church must regard the withdrawal as an accomplished fact, inasmuch, as there is no hope of its continuance beyond next meeting of Synod. You will, therefore, require to provide, not only for those salaries heretofore largely dependent on annual contributions, but for those being now paid by the Free Church in Scotland.

Here, then, is the state of the case sufficiently exact for our purpose. In salaries, the Church is liable for, in round numbers, £1400, independent of contingencies, which can be met by fees. To meet this indebtedness, annual interest £560, and collections for last year, £281 14s. 6½d., leaving a balance to be raised of £558 5s. 5½d., mainly to meet withdrawal of Colonial Committee's grant of £375.

You will observe, that from the above calculations, the munificent bequest of the late Wm. Matheson, Esq., is excluded, simply, because some of the heirs have given the Executors legal notice of their intention to contest the validity of that part of the Will, under which, the Church claims. In these circumstances, the Executors would not be justified in making any further advances to the Church, till the termination of the pending suit. Nay more, we are responsible for the re-payment of both the principal, and interest, of sums already advanced, in case of an adverse decision. In appealing to you, therefore, we take no account of said bequest, not because we have any fears as to the result of the pending suit, but for the purpose of laying the whole case before you, *as it is*. With the most favourable view of the matter, and supposing the legacy, as stated, to amount to £6000 at the lowest calculation, yielding £360 of annual interest, or income, there will remain to be provided by annual contributions £460.

To prevent misapprehension, we submit the above calculations, which vary in these elements, and results, without pledging ourselves to perfect exactitude: though satisfied, that they are, as an approximation, sufficiently correct to give a clear idea of the case. We submit them, 1st without Mr Mathe-