

Two or three points may be noted here. The above congregations and those others that formerly made collections for Presbyterian Home Missions or Lay Associations will now make them for the Supplementing Fund, and remit their collections to Rev. P. G. McGregor; secondly, all our congregations, without exception, are earnestly requested to make their collections for this Fund as soon as possible. No congregation is expected to disobey its Church Courts, and no congregation that does so can receive supplement. We have no money to pay out but that which the Church gives us. And the obligations that the Church incurs to its ministers on settling them cannot be discharged if some congregations refrain from doing their duty. Every defaulting congregation not only keeps back its own quota, but disheartens its neighbors. We say this, not because we doubt the loyalty and liberality of any of our congregations, but simply because at the commencement of a new era in our existence it is well to set the matter plainly before all. We leave the matter now to ministers to bring it at once before their Sessions, so that an organization may be created—if none exists already—to reach every member of the congregation and receive the free-will offerings of the humblest.

We would exhort to liberality were exhortation needed. But it is not. All the Churches of which the United Church is composed have found that they never appealed to the people in vain, and that their difficulties were least the more they trusted Him who inspires the hearts of the people with all grace. Were it necessary to urge you as St. Paul did the Christians "by the forwardness of others," we could do so. Only the other day the Methodist Churches in Halifax made their annual contributions for their united Home and Foreign Mission fund, and \$5000 were subscribed. One honored brother gave \$1000. Two young men who have recently commenced business gave respectively \$250 and \$200. We trust that their zeal will provoke very many, and that our people will "abound in this grace also." Were it necessary to speak of the hardships endured by many

of our supplemented ministers, it could be done so that none would question the propriety of aiding them. But these brethren would be the last to parade what they endure for the cause of Christ. It is sufficient to say that no congregation is put upon the list until it has satisfied the Presbytery of the bounds that aid is indispensable, and until the Synod instructs the Committee to receive its name. Every year the same operation is gone through, and the supplement is lessened whenever it is found practicable.

On behalf of the supplementing Committee,

THOS. SEDGWICK,
GEO. M. GRANT.

COLLEGE FUND.

To the Office Bearers, Members and Adherents of the Presbyterian Church in Canada within the bounds of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces:

DEAR BRETHREN,—We have been appointed by the College Board, in accordance with the instructions of Synod, to call your attention to the state of the College Fund, and the continued and increasing claims of that institution on your liberality. We can but stir up your minds by way of remembrance of facts and arguments with which you are already more or less familiar.

1. It is but repeating what is universally admitted amongst us to say that our College is essential, if not to the being, at least to the well-being of our Church. During the years of its existence, it has supplied a large proportion of our Ministers, men who, in general, have made full proof of their Ministry, and who, having sprung from the bosom of our Congregations, and being indigenous to the soil, have special aptitude for our peculiar work. Without disparaging in the least the accessions to our Ministerial ranks derived from other quarters—accessions which we hope still to receive—it is plain that outside sources of provision are exceedingly precarious, and that we must rely mainly on ourselves for a steady, adequate and suitable supply of Ministers.

Were our College to fail us, our energies as a Church would be seriously crippled, our progress checked, and our usefulness materially diminished.

If we value our position and principles as Presbyterians and desire to transmit unimpaired to our children our blood-bought privileges, let us cling to our College as the sheet-anchor of our Church, sustain it more