

HOME MISSION FUND.

The Home Mission Committee met on the 29th September, and following days, for the purpose of receiving reports from Presbyteries, and making the usual grants to Mission Stations and Supplemented Congregations. At the time of the meeting of Committee, the Home Mission treasury was overdrawn to the extent of about \$2,000. The grants sanctioned by the Committee amounted to upwards of \$7,000. In all, the sum of \$9,000 would be required at present to pay all claims due by the Home Mission Committee. Congregations are earnestly requested to send prompt and liberal contributions. Frequently, where there are missionary associations, the funds are retained to the end of the financial year, instead of being paid from time to time. The consequence is that the treasury is starved for the first nine or ten months of our financial year, and money has to be obtained, for which interest must be paid. It is much to be desired that remittances should be promptly made, that there may be no delay in paying the amounts due to ministers and missionaries.

KNOX COLLEGE—OPENING OF SESSION.

On the evening of Wednesday, 1st October, the Presbytery of Toronto met in Knox's Church for the induction of the Rev. W. McLaren as Professor of Systematic Theology. The Moderator, Rev. W. M. Christie, presided, and after praise and prayer, called in the Clerk of the Presbytery to read a narrative of the proceedings in the matter of Rev. W. McLaren's appointment. The Moderator then put to the Professor elect the prescribed questions, and these having been answered satisfactorily, again offered up prayer for a blessing on the relation now formed, and, in the name of the Presbytery, admitted Mr. McLaren as Professor of Divinity, and gave him the right hand of fellowship. The Professor was then briefly addressed by the Rev. W. Reid on the duties, responsibilities and encouragements of his office.

Principal Caven then took the chair, and Professor McLaren proceeded to deliver his inaugural lecture. It was on the subject of "Literature and Dogma," being a review of Matthew Arnold's published views on the subject. Professor McLaren treated the subject with remarkable ability, exhibiting a firmness of grasp, keenness of perception, and vigor of intellect, which give promise of power and usefulness in the important sphere which he occupies. The lecture was listened to with marked attention by many, besides the students of the Knox College, the church being quite full. Among the hearers were many of the Ministers of the Church.

At the close of the lecture, Principal Caven made a few remarks on the prospects of the College, and especially on the success which had attended the effort for the erection of new college buildings. Wherever subscriptions had been solicited, the response had been hearty and liberal, while comparatively a small part of the Church had been gone over, the subscription list amounted to fully \$50,000. He stated that the contracts had been let, and that a good commencement had been made by the contractors. His remarks were received with applause.

Principal Caven gave various intimations to the students with reference to the classes to be attended, intimating that Dr. Proudfoot, whose lectures were of so much value, would lecture on Homiletics, &c., after the holidays, and that arrangements had been made for a course of instruction in elocution by Mr. Taverner.

We are glad to learn that the number of students enrolled is encouraging.