

CLERGY RESERVES—COMMUTATION.

It is stated in the *Globe* (Toronto) of 30th Nov., that ministers of the U. P. Church have received out of this fund \$8,962. The announcement astonishes us, and we should be glad to have some explanation.

FUND FOR AIDING AND ENCOURAGING STUDENTS IN DIVINITY.

Contributions for this fund have reach-

ed us from Chippewa, Richmond Hill, Thornhill, King, Owen Sound, English Settlement, *Proof Line*, Leith, Harper Bay, Westminster, and Lugersoll; and we are led to expect several others. An exact account will be given in an early number.

CALEDON AND ORANGEVILLE.

The U. P. Congregations of these places have unanimously called Mr. Alex. McFaul, Probationer, to be their pastor.

Gleanings.

CONSISTENCY.

My Dear Children,—You have often stories from abroad to excite you to pity and to pray for the poor heathen, and to do what you can for their salvation. But it is sometimes well to hear how the missionary cause prospers at home, and what people of different stations in society think of this great subject, that we may be warned by their selfishness and stimulated by their example. I was, not very long ago, attending the Missionary Anniversary in Edinburgh, and we held our public meeting in the Queen Street Hall. In addressing the audience, I ventured to say a few words about the collection, and concluded with the following anecdote:—

“In one of the counties of the north of England, it was given out upon the Sabbath at a chapel, that a missionary meeting would be held there on the Monday evening; and there happened to be present a good servant, of the name of Mary, who had much of the missionary spirit. Next day, Mary said to her mistress, ‘Do you know, ma’am, there is a missionary meeting to be held at the chapel to-night; I hope you will permit me to go.’ ‘Well, Mary,’ said the mistress, ‘just get up your work during the day, and take an hour or two in the evening, if you like.’ ‘Yes, ma’am,’ said Mary; ‘but, please ma’am,’ I should like a little advance of wages, that I may give something to the collection.’ ‘Well, Mary,’ said the mistress, ‘what would you like to give?’ ‘I thank you, ma’am,’ said Mary, ‘I think I should like to have half-a-crown.’ ‘*Half-a-crown!*’ said her mistress, ‘why, Mary, are you in your wits? If your mistress goes to church, and a collection is to be made, and she puts a sixpence upon the plate, she thinks that she has done amply sufficient; and for you, Mary—a poor servant girl like you—to talk of giving half-a-crown, why, you are only fit for an asylum.’ ‘Well, ma’am,’ said Mary, ‘a little time ago you paid me my wages, and I have bought a very good bonnet, and I should like very much to wear that bonnet at the meeting to-night; but if I do so, and while the deacon comes round to take up the collection, I should put a sixpence upon the plate, he will look at my bonnet, and will say, ‘Is not that very inconsistent?’ So, ma’am’ to be consistent, I must, I think, put half-a crown upon the plate.’ And Mary got the half-crown, and wore her good bonnet at the meeting, and put her half-crown on the plate.

“I see, Mr. Chairman,” continued the speaker, “so many ladies here to-night with very good bonnets, but I do not wish to make any reflections upon *them*; I see so many gentlemen here to-night who wear very good hats upon their heads, and good broadcloth upon their shoulders, but I wish not to make any reflections upon *them*; I see many here to-night who live in good houses, and drive a good business and cut a good figure in the world, but I wish not to make any reflections upon *them*. But we must be consistent, sir; it will not do to wear and to enjoy all these good things and put a sixpence upon the plate for the conversion of the world. Just let every humble Mary, wearing her good bonnet, put in her half-crown, and every lady dressed in her silks and satins, her half-sovereign, and every gentleman whom Providence has blest, his five-pound note, and we shall have a good collection to inspire us with gratitude, and make us to sing for joy.”