

bespeak for the future this support of theirs.

IN his remarks on the closing day of the session, Principal Caven referred to the Endowment Fund, and gave a detailed statement of what had been actually subscribed. Including Mr. McLaren's donation, the partial canvass already made has secured the promise of \$91,000; the amount aimed at by the Board of Management is placed at \$200,000. Should these hopes be realized, we could scarcely say that even then Knox College would be wealthy; certainly not dangerously wealthy. Such an endowment would appear small when placed alongside of the almost fabulous endowments of many similar institutions in the Old World and in the United States. Take one instance: Princeton Seminary subsists on an endowment of about a million, in addition to the fifteen or eighteen thousand dollars annually given to those who ask for aid. Its graduating class this year is not double that of Knox in numbers. The class-work of the one institution is practically a counterpart of that done in the other; the one needs a million to carry on its work, the other asks for a fifth of that sum,—asks to be placed on this basis, too, only after having experienced the fact that the most rigid economy under the present system cannot prevent a yearly deficit. A few cities and towns have promised nearly one-half of the sum asked. Glancing at those districts yet to be visited, we think no difficulty should be felt in securing the balance.

Touching this fund, another matter likewise claims our notice. What agencies are to be employed to obtain subscriptions? Taking the work already done as an indication of the method of future work, we suppose the Professors of the College will be expected to plan and execute every

movement of the campaign. We imagine that ministers and laymen alike will look to them, not merely to spy out the hunting ground, but actually to do the hunting. Such is surely not the proper work of a Theological Professor; of few Professors can it be said that it is less the work than of those in Knox College. The subjects mastered and taught here by one Professor are, in wealthier institutions, ordinarily assigned to two. Why, then, add to this the weary and distasteful work of canvassing, when their studies do not afford them sufficient time for rest and relaxation? We mistake very much the temper of the many graduates and friends of the College if in their own congregations they will allow the Professors to do what might be done quite as well by themselves.

We have a word also for the students of the College. Few of them, we believe, have ventured the thought that they could do anything to further the scheme. But the facts are that over fifty of them have left for mission fields and congregations less likely than others to be visited by regular canvassers. These should, however, not be overlooked on that account. The mission fields are rare where some may not be found able and willing if asked, to contribute a share. Let the students be loyal to their College, and enter into the canvass with vigour and enthusiasm, and we shall be surprised if the lists be not swelled by a few thousands through their labours.

WE have had placed in our hands a copy of the "Proposed Constitution of the Sabbath Schools and Regulations for Organization," to be presented by the Sabbath School Committee at the next meeting of Assembly in June. It is a slightly modified form of that reported at the last General Assembly. Because of the in-