

that it will by and by be sufficient for the purpose, but in our present circumstances, the result of its general adoption throughout the Church would be to swamp the College in a twelvemonth. The aggregate amount realized by our Sabbath-day collections, for any one of our ordinary schemes, scarcely ever exceeds the sum of £500, or not more than a third of the revenue yearly needed to sustain the College. Those congregations, therefore, who place the claims of this object on a level with those of the ordinary schemes, by limiting their efforts on its behalf to an ordinary Sabbath-day collection, are really making not £1500 but £500 the standard sum to be aimed at for College purposes.

A majority, as nearly as we can ascertain, of our congregations raise their contributions for this object by subscription, and there is nothing to hinder any of the rest from following the same course. We are firmly of the belief that in every congregation a few young men or young women may be found who, for so good a cause as this, would esteem it a privilege to take charge of a subscription paper, if it were only put into their hands, and a specified section (not too large) of the congregation assigned to each for visitation. Such a body of willing collectors are, it is to be presumed, at the call of every minister of our Church, and they can easily, at the fitting time, be convened from the pulpit and set to work.

Will you be kind enough, for the information of the Committee, to say when it will be suitable for you to make your College Collection, and whether the Committee may rely upon your taking it up by subscription. Please answer at your earliest convenience, as the nature of the answers received to these queries may materially modify certain arrangements at present contemplated by the Committee.

I am, my dear sir, in the name and on the behalf of the College Committee,

Yours respectfully,
ROBERT URE

Streetsville, Nov. 16th, 1858.

P.S.—A copy of this circular is addressed to the Minister or Representative Elder of each congregation in the Church. Answers to be addressed for convenience sake to Rev. W. Reid, Editor of *Record*, Toronto.

Editorial Items.

MONTREAL—REV. D. FRASER.—The call from Inverness to the Rev. D. Fraser, A. M., has come to the Presbytery of Montreal. The Presbytery at an adjourned meeting, held on the 25th ult., directed the Congregation of Cote Street, Montreal, to be cited to appear for their interests, at the next meeting of Presbytery, which is to be held without delay. The call is signed by nearly 600 members of the Congregation of the Free High Church, Inverness. The Rev. A. Topp, of Toronto, and the Rev. A. Crawford, of Westport, have been commissioned to appear for the Presbytery of Montreal.

RAMSAY.—The Congregation of Ramsay, vacant for a lengthened period, has called the Rev. W. McKenzie. We trust the settlement of Mr. McKenzie will be, by the blessing of God, productive of much good in the important Congregation of Ramsay.

BELLEVILLE.—The Congregation of Belleville has been declared vacant by the Presbytery

of Kingston. The Rev. Mr. White is obliged, by the state of his health, to return to his native land.

OPENING OF FREE CHURCH COLLEGE, HALIFAX.—The session of the Free Church College, Halifax, was recently opened under favorable and encouraging circumstances. The Rev. Professor Lyall delivered the opening Lecture.

OSGOODE.—The Rev. J. Whyte has been ordained as Pastor of the congregation at Osgoode, and enters on his charge with every prospect of success.

REV. W. CAMPBELL, NATAL.—We received, before going to press, a letter from Rev. W. Campbell, of Natal, who was in this country about two years ago. The letter accompanies a communication from the office-bearers of Mr. Campbell's Church, expressive of their thanks for the measure of assistance obtained by Mr. C. in this country. As it will no doubt be interesting to many of our readers, we shall with pleasure publish it in our next number.

MISSIONS OF IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The last number of the *Missionary Herald* contains interesting missionary intelligence both from India and the Jewish Missions. Mr. Graham writing from Damascus, refers to several encouraging circumstances. We regret being unable to publish these letters in the present number.

OPENING OF SESSION—PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, LONDON.—On the 17th of November, the anniversary, by the bye, of the accession of Queen Elizabeth, three hundred years ago, and the anniversary also of the death of Oliver Cromwell, two hundred years ago, the annual session of the Presbyterian College, London, commenced. The opening lecture was delivered by Professor Lorimer; the subject was "Our Church Ancestry, and our Church Duty." The Lecture was an able and interesting one.

CHINA.—REV. W. C. BURNS.—The last number of the "English Presbyterian Messenger" contains a letter from the Rev. W. C. Burns which we should have gladly transferred to our columns, had space permitted. Mr. Burns is still at Swatow, preaching principally to his countrymen on shipboard. It is Mr. Burns' opinion that too much must not be expected from the new treaty, until the minds of the people become habituated to the new state of the law.

LATE JAMES GIBB, ESQ.—REQUEST TO COLLEGE.—We have pleasure in recording the handsome legacy of Five Hundred Pounds to Knox's College, by the late James Gibb, Esq., which has been paid by his Executors. Mr. Gibb, during his life, gave many liberal contributions to the various schemes of the Church. These were given without ostentation, indeed sometimes anonymously.

THE RECORD.—We direct attention to the terms of the Record, viz:—half a dollar if paid

within six months, if not paid till afterwards, three-quarters of a dollar. Subscribers will please remit both for the current volume and for any arrears due.

HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD OF AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—We beg to remind Ministers that the Home and Foreign Record of the American Presbyterian Church, will be sent to Ministers on sending the postage for the year, viz: ten cents. Those who wish to receive this periodical will please remit this small amount.

DAY OF THANKSGIVING AND HUMILIATION.—In our last number we referred to an application by the Presbytery of Toronto to the Government of the Province, for the appointment of a day of general thanksgiving and humiliation. The application was not successful. The Presbytery of Toronto, it is understood, will now observe the second Wednesday of December, as a day of special thanksgiving for mercies received, and humiliation on account of public sins. It is hoped that other Presbyteries, that have not made any special appointment, will observe the same day.

HAMILTON, KNOX'S CHURCH SABBATH SCHOOL.—The anniversary of Knox's Church Sabbath School was held in the Lecture room on Wednesday, the 17th instant, when the scholars and friends (about 350) were interested by instructive addresses, and supplied with suitable refreshments. A report was presented of the contributions of the juvenile mission association for the support of scholars in the French Canadian Missionary Institute at Point au Tremble, of about \$80. The officers of the schools were afterwards elected.

PRESENTATION TO REV. DR. IRVINE.—On Friday evening, the 19th instant, the young friends in Dr. Irvine's Bible class, having invited the Teachers of his Sabbath Schools to meet them in the Lecture room of Knox's Church, served the party—about 70 persons—with tea and coffee, and then two of the class presented their teacher and minister with an affectionate christian address, accompanied by a rich and beautiful Silver Pitcher and Salver, with an appropriate inscription thereon. The address and the reply thereto indicated the feeling of deep present interest, and gave assurance of lasting relationship between the Pastor and the people. Several animated addresses were delivered, and highly gratifying evidences were manifested, of the bond of unity which actuated the whole party. The members of the choir were present, and added much to the pleasure of the evening.—*Com.*

THE PRESBYTERIAN TRACTS.—We can still supply a few copies of the Tract "The Teaching Elder," at the rate of 30 cents a dozen, or \$1.50 per 100.

STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

We are requested by the Treasurer to insert the following contributions:—