

for ever removed. We have pleasure in publishing the following note from Mr. Topp:—

To the Editor of the Home and Foreign Record.

Toronto, 28th October, 1861.

MY DEAR SIR,—Perhaps you will allow me the liberty of intimating through the columns of your *Record*, that since the circular regarding the college debt was issued others of the cities and towns included in the second part of the scheme have been visited. These also have cheerfully contributed the sums expected from them respectively. I refer to Hamilton and Galt. The same, I think, may be looked for from the places yet to be visited, so that the committee calculate on the second as well as the first part of the scheme being speedily attained.

I mention this as an encouragement to the congregations of the church generally, to take steps without delay for sending the very moderate average contribution that is asked from them. If this be done the object sought will be accomplished, and then the annual support of the college will be attended with no embarrassment whatever.

The attendance of students this session is larger than it has ever been. There are others besides who are taking a University course before commencing their theological studies with a view to the ministry. The prospects for the church, therefore, are very hopeful, and the best results may, through the blessing of God, be expected.

I am yours, very sincerely,

ALEXANDER TOPP.

It has been deemed advisable not to publish the lists of contributions from the different congregations till all the cities and towns included in the scheme have been visited. The lists will probably appear in the *Record* of next month. A. T.

The following is the circular referred to in Mr. Topp's note, which has been addressed to every minister of the church:—

Toronto, 9th October, 1861.

MY DEAR SIR,—At the meeting of Synod in Montreal in June last, when the matter of the debt on Knox College was taken into consideration, the following deliverance was adopted:

"It was agreed to remit the whole subject of the debt, and the devising of the best means for the liquidation of the same for the consideration and action of the Board of Management."

At a meet of the Board of Management, held in the College on the 2nd of this month, a scheme was presented, by which, in the unanimous opinion of the Board, the whole amount (\$10,400) necessary to clear off the debt might very speedily be raised. It was resolved to prosecute the same without delay, and a Committee was appointed for that purpose. The scheme is as follows:

1. That 10 subscriptions of £50, or \$200 each, should be sought. These would amount to \$2,000.

2. That from the cities and towns as much should be obtained as, with the above \$2,000, would amount to the half of the debt, or say \$5,400.

3. That as there are, besides the cities and towns, more than 200 congregations in the church, an average sum of \$25 should be sought from them. This would secure the remainder of the sum required, viz.: \$5,000.

As convener of the committee, I have the satisfaction of intimating that the first part of the scheme has been attained. These large subscriptions have been very cheerfully given. They were no sooner asked than at once they were granted. And the church cannot but feel grateful not only for the amount thus obtained, but for the readiness with which it was given by those to whom application was made.

The cities and towns already visited, viz.: Montreal, Quebec, Ottawa, Brockville, and Toronto, have supplied fully the amount expected of them, and the assurance is held out that the others, when visited, as they will be in the course of four weeks, will do their part, so that the full half of the debt will thus have been raised.

The hope, therefore, may confidently be entertained that the remaining 200 congregations of the church will not be appealed to in vain to supply the very moderate average sum that is asked from them. The whole church is interested in the prosperity of the college, and consequently all the congregations should regard themselves