

Truth and in connexion with a christian discipline over our students, then, we doubt not that many parents, who justly think learning too dearly purchased for their children, at the ordinary risk of having their principles and morals corrupted, will be glad to send them to our Institution.

The commission after much deliberation have determined on commencing the Institution with two Professors and two Assistants or Tutors.—The selection of the Professors in the first instance to be with the Committee on Colonial Churches of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Eminent talents, well disciplined by study, and consecrated to the cause of true religion, are the qualifications we will look for in our teachers. And, we humbly pray and hope that the Great Head of the Church, who has raised up such men as Dr. Duff and his coadjutors, for Hindostan, will put it into the hearts of men of like gifts and piety, to give themselves to the advancement of his cause in this land, by stationing themselves at the fountain-heads of learning in it.

For the founding of the Institution, on the scale now mentioned, we look for aid from the mother country; and, communications are about to be sent to the Committee of the General Assembly, the Committee of the Glasgow Colonial Missionary Society, Presbyteries in England and the Synod of Ulster. Yet we entertain the full conviction, and we would have you feel the same, that our own exertions and sacrifices towards this great work will be the measure of the assistance that we may expect from other quarters. Christians and churches elsewhere, yea, and the State itself may be expected to help us when they see that we are in earnest in carrying it forward.

We do therefore entreat you, friends and brethren, by the vast importance, and the necessity of this undertaking, to assist us in it by large and bountiful offerings. Think how the Israelites in the wilderness responded to the call of Moses for offerings of gold and silver and precious stones

and suitable furniture, for the erection and adornment of the moveable sanctuary, in which the cloud of glory dwelt, even so, as that their liberality had ultimately to be restrained,—and, shall the population of the Canadas, acknowledging a connexion with the Presbyterian Church, amounting as is said to 100,000 souls, feel it too great a burden to raise eighty or one hundred thousand dollars for objects so momentous as the training of youths for the ministry of the gospel, and for the professions which the necessities of secular life require?

Our desire and purpose is to give all the members and adherents of our Church an opportunity of contributing to the proposed Institution. We have appointed committees in every Presbytery, who may associate others with them, and whose business will be to plead this cause within the bounds of every congregation.

The following gentlemen have been appointed to act as local Treasurers, to whom payments may be made on account of the College, by collectors or individual contributors, viz:—

ANDREW STEVEN, Esq., *Gore Bank, Hamilton.*
JOHN CAMERON, Esq., *Commercial Bank, Toronto.*
FRANCIS HARPER, Esq., *do. do. Kingston.*
Honorable PETER MCGILL, *Montreal.*
JOHN THOMSON, Esq., *Quebec.*

Trusting that the proposed Institution will commend itself at once to the patriotism and the piety of those into whose hands this circular comes, we claim for the Institution both their offerings and prayers. "Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of *Messiah's* times," and let ours be the honour and blessedness of those who aid in the extension of his kingdom.

In name and by appointment of the Commission of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, at Hamilton, this ninth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine years.

ROBERT MCGILL, *Moderator.*
ALEXANDER GALE, *Clerk.*

MEMOIR OF MRS. BELL.

The Apostle Paul urges on us a strong motive to forsake sin and run the christian race, when he tells us we are compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses. It may be, or it may not be that they are beholders of their brethren on earth, but it is certain that they are witnesses to the truth, and moreover, that they are so numerous that they are called a cloud of witnesses, and in another passage elsewhere, a multitude whom no man can number. When in the body, they saw the vanity of the world, they saw the evil of sin, they turned from it to God, they received mercy in virtue of the atonement of Christ, and during the brief pilgrimage measured out to them, they walked with God. The truth therefore comes to

us with a stronger claim, when we find many witnesses setting their seal to it as worthy of all acceptance. There are not a few indeed who doat upon the idea that departed relatives still behold those they have left behind, nevertheless this is not the motive by which the apostle urges us to obedience and self-denial, he refers to their walk and conversation on earth, and designates them as witnesses to the truth that God is a faithful and covenant keeping God. We have many memoirs in modern times of young believers dying in the sure faith of a better resurrection; and who is there that would wish their number diminished? Yea it is a pleasing task to add another and another to this great company. It raises us above