

merit among the Students, or for any other good object.

We have so far stated what we would like to do, and we hope the day may soon come when we shall have this anticipated pleasure; but this can only be accomplished by making our columns interesting, and that chiefly lies with those who feel interest enough in the cause to contribute to our Journal.

By an oversight it has been omitted to give credit to "Good Words" for "Wee Davie," which will be corrected in our next number.

We omitted to state in our last number that the eloquent Address at Markham was delivered by the Rev. James Bain, A. M., of Scarborough.

Although we have named the 18th of each month as the latest day on which we can receive communications for insertion in the Journal, it would be very much more convenient for us to have all communications in the hands of the Editor by the 10th of each month. We should then be able to send proofs to the writers for correction, and thus avoid occasional errors in the printing.

We are specially indebted to our valued correspondent at Huntingdon for two very able articles, which we are unable to insert in this number, owing to the accumulation of articles received before his came to hand. One at least will appear next month.

A few other somewhat lengthy communications have been received, but too late to appear in this issue.

#### MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Many of our congregations have not yet sent in the annual collection in aid of this important Scheme. As the books of the Fund must be made up and closed for the year immediately, in order that the report to the Synod may be prepared, we hope that congregations in arrear will forward their annual collections as soon as possible.

#### THE LATE DR. MCGILLIVRAY.

It is with feelings of deep regret that we announce the death of this able, earnest and hard-working minister of our Church in Nova Scotia, where he has devoted all his energies to the service of the Presbyte-

rian cause since the year 1833, when he was settled in his first charge at Barney's River. He was afterwards translated to the congregation of McLennan's Mountain, where he continued until he died. He was greatly beloved by all who knew him, and he will long be held in grateful remembrance by the Highlanders of Pictou who were greatly attached to him. His name has been widely known in all the North American Colonies, and he has been at all the synods a welcome and honoured guest. He is also well known and appreciated in Scotland, and has often been mentioned in the General Assembly in terms of approbation. His loss will be mourned over by his brethren in the ministry as well as by the people. His remains, that have been laid near the church which he lately opened upon the highest point of McLennan's Mountain overlooking the extended field of his labours, were carried to this romantic resting place attended by a large crowd of people and by ministers from every denomination, all desirous to show their respect and affection for a man whose love for the people, laboriousness, sincere piety and manliness will not soon be forgotten.

#### HOME MISSION SCHEME.

Our readers are aware that exertions have been made by the friends of the Church to raise a sum of money for Home missions. The Fund is in charge of the Temporalities Board, which is elected every year by the Synod. Out of this Fund every minister receives £50 a year as soon as he obtains a congregational charge. It must be clear to every one that this payment is a very great assistance to congregations in paying ministers. It is therefore with great concern that we hear how very little has been done for this Fund during the past year, and that it is in consequence now largely in debt. We understand that it is impossible to grant anything in future to newly placed ministers from this source, as the Board is not able to pay even those who are now on the roll without considerable difficulty. All new ministers therefore will have to rely altogether upon their congregations and will receive nothing in the way of an endowment. We confess that we greatly grieve over this state of matters. Our hope was that congregations would liberally contribute to such a scheme—and in point of fact some have done so in a spirit most creditable to their