

20 of its alumni filling with credit and efficiency pastoral charges throughout the Province. Every day's experience too is convincing us that the College must be maintained, and that on an efficient footing. Every day demonstrates that we must look more and more to our own youth for the supply of our ministers. The vacancies constantly occurring, the sudden removal of some, and the pressing applications for supplies to existing vacancies also force on our attention the importance and the value of Queen's College, with its Divinity Hall and Arts Classes, as a means of training up a native ministry. We are pleased to notice that the Colonial Committee had granted assistance to two students from the Lower Provinces, to enable them to attend Queen's College. We trust that, as the advantages held out are better understood, the young aspirants to the Ministry in those Provinces will avail themselves more generally of the opportunities of instruction which Queen's College affords. Even should they desire to spend a closing session in Scotland, the expenses of their study will have been materially lessened by attending Queen's College, whose sessions are ranked with those of the Scottish Universities. We commend the claims of the College to our readers, and submit for their information the deliverance of the Synod of last year with reference to the collection now making. (See page 51.)

Contributions in aid of the Building Fund.

Amount already advertised,.....	£978	17	0
Pakenham Congregation,.....	7	10	0
Waterdown, " (additional),	2	10	0
Eldon, " ".....	20	0	0
Scarborough, " (additional),	1	5	0
Niagara, " ".....	32	0	0
	£1042	2	0

JAMES MACLENNAN,
Sec. Board of Trustees.
Kingston, 21st March, 1855.

(For the "Presbyterian.")

A PASTORAL OFFERING FROM THE LADIES OF GUELPH.

GUELPH, 3rd March, 1855.

MR. EDITOR,—On a hasty visit to this good town I have picked up an item of intelligence which is altogether worthy of a niche in the columns of the "Presbyterian," and will be welcomed, I feel assured, by all who delight to see true merit appreciated, especially where it is courted the shade of a modest and unobtrusive retirement.

At the commencement of a new year the Ladies of the St. Andrew's Congregation here took counsel together as to some mode in which they might express their sentiments of esteem and gratitude for the character and labours of their Pastor, the Rev. Colin Gregor. The result was that on the evening of Friday, the 26th January last, they presented him with an elegant purse, of their own handi-

work, and containing some twenty pounds, accompanied with a request that he would expend the sum at discretion, so as best to promote his own comfort and enjoyment.

Such a testimonial, while it reflects the highest honour on the pious beneficence of those mothers and daughters in Israel, is at the same time encouraging to the heart of an amiable and diligent pastor to a degree vastly beyond the intrinsic value of the gift itself. Besides, this offering of piety to the faithful servant cannot fail to be acceptable in the sight of the Great Master, who on a certain occasion pronounced those memorable words, "She hath done what she could. Verily, I say unto you, wherever this Gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her."

I am

Yours truly,

A PRESBYTER.

CONGREGATION OF RAMSAY.

To the Editor of the Presbyterian.

RAMSAY, 16th March, 1855.

SIR,—The enclosed papers have been handed me with a request to forward them to Montreal for publication in *The Presbyterian*. I feel great pleasure in doing so, not so much on account of the value of the present as that it is a token of the appreciation of the services of our worthy and esteemed pastor, and that his labours have not been in vain to some. Reciprocal feelings of this nature must be gratifying and encouraging both to pastor and people.

I am, Sir,

Yours respectfully,

D. C.

RAMSAY, 8th March, 1855.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—A few of the adherents of your congregation present you with a cutter and buffalo robes, which you will receive by the bearer, and which please accept as a small token of respect.

I am, Rev. and Dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

J. MENZIES.

Rev. J. McMorine.

RAMSAY, 9th March, 1855.

MY DEAR SIR,—I was so much taken by surprise by the arrival of the very handsome cutter and robes mentioned in your note, that I knew not for a time what or how to answer. It was too much to present your feeble and unworthy minister with so valuable a gift. I am not conscious of having deserved anything like so strong an expression of regard. But, valuable as the gift is, it is more precious to me as an indication that the glorious Gospel has taken hold of the minds of my people than in any other light. Could I regard it as a sign that my labours were blessed to the

souls of any, my joy would be unbounded. I will fondly cherish that idea. In the meantime I beg to return you, and all to whom I am indebted for so substantial an act of kindness, my most grateful thanks and best wishes.

I am, yours sincerely,

JOHN McMORINE.

John Menzies, Esq.

OBITUARY NOTICE.

DIED at Kingston, C. W., on the 21st February, David McDonald, Student in Queen's College, aged 21 years. The deceased was the son of Mr. Hugh McDonald in the Township of Williams, C. W. He was born at New York on the 1st of August, 1834, when his parents were on their way to settle in Canada. He was prosecuting his studies at Queen's College with a view to entering the ministry in the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connexion with the Church of Scotland. He had already completed two Sessions at College, and was in the midst of his third Session when he was seized with that illness which terminated in his death. He was a young man of good abilities, of great industry and application, of amiable disposition, and of decided and unaffected piety.

His death was a heavy blow to his parents and other relatives, whom he had left a few months ago in good health, to resume his studies at College, where he expected to take his degree of Bachelor of Arts at the close of the Session. His loss is deeply regretted by his Professors and fellow-students, to whom he had endeared himself by his many sterling good qualities, and particularly by his uniform kindness and amiability of character. His mortal remains were removed from Kingston to Williams, where they were followed to the grave by a numerous concourse of relatives and friends.

While by his removal the Church on earth is deprived of the services of one who fondly cherished the prospect of serving his Lord and Master in that honourable capacity, and who promised so fair to become an earnest and useful minister, his many friends have the consoling reflection that he died in the faith of Christ Jesus, and in the hope of a blessed resurrection. May his death exercise a salutary influence on his fellow-students, from among whom he has been taken by an inscrutable Providence, and lead them, while preparing themselves for the ministry in Christ's Church on earth, to prepare themselves for the higher services of the upper Sanctuary in Heaven. "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom."

THE REV. JOHN McLAURIN, MARTINTOWN.—We have learned with poignant regret of the sudden removal, in consequence of an attack of quinsy proving