

Correspondence.

OBITUARY.—MR. JAMES BONNAR.

Died on the 21st of October, Mr. James Bonnar, jun., of the Township of King.

Mr. Bonnar was the son of pious parents, who early instructed him in the fear of the Lord. For some years before his death he had devoted himself to the work of teaching, for which he was well qualified. He knew not only how to impart instruction, but he had also the happy tact of gaining the affections of his pupils. He purposed to consecrate his services to the Lord in the work of the holy ministry; with that object in view, he went to Toronto, and passed the entrance examination to Knox College, although at the time he was labouring under the disease that terminated in his death.

During his illness, his conversation was, generally speaking, on the subject of practical religion—difficulties as to his interest in Christ, which he had partly felt, gave place, immediately before his death, to the strong assurance of hope. Mr. Bonnar was naturally reserved; but on his death-bed he gave unequivocal evidences of his happy anticipations, and his entire trust in the Redeemer. When coming near to the close of life, an unusual glow over his countenance and an eager look of the eye, seemed to announce, as a pious friend remarked, that the victory was well nigh completed. In a few moments he quietly breathed his last, presenting in his peaceful death a strange contrast to the grief of his heart-stricken parents.

In Mr. Bonnar's death, his friends have been disappointed in their fond anticipations. And he too was, apparently, disappointed in his earnest purpose; but in the most important matter, if we judge rightly of him, he was not disappointed.

This is the second son Mr. Bonnar's parent's have followed to the grave within the last few years. They have in this affliction, a strong claim on the sympathy of their Christian friends. Our earnest prayer for them is that they may not only have grace to sustain them, but also wisdom to see the merciful hand of God in their distress.—*Communicated.*

ENDOWMENT OF KNOX COLLEGE.

SIR,—I am much pleased with the spirit in which G. A. P. refers to the endowment of Knox College. We are thoroughly at one as to the importance of the matter, and as to the manner of raising the money. There was a misprint that made me say, "let the people collect the other half in sums ranging from \$500 to \$100," instead of from \$5 to \$100. Now, I am quite willing to put it from \$1 upwards to any amount. Presbyterians desire a well-trained ministry, and the only way in which this can be secured, is by properly sustaining an able and efficient staff of professors in our Theological Institutes, as well as by maintaining intact the noble University of Toronto, which is an honor to our Province, and one of the greatest privileges we enjoy as a people—a first-class institution for higher education, open to all, yet free from sectarian control. Not only have Presbyterian Theological Colleges been multiplied and most liberally endowed in most of the States of the American Union, but even in some of the younger British Colonies this has been done. In Victoria