

day when the Church will have its office in some central part of the Province, with its officer or officers giving their attention solely to the general work of the Church, *under the direction of its various Boards.* Already we have a sufficient number of offices admitting of being united, and together forming a good nucleus for such an institution. The workers out of such a project would, however, need have a care that both the indoor employment and outdoor labour are duly provided for. Our correspondent, we know, is particularly concerned about the advocacy of the claims of the Schemes by an agent who would visit the different congregations, enforce the merits of the Schemes, and take subscriptions; and from the desirableness of such a service we would not divert attention.

WE must notice a subject concerning which we never encumber our columns without necessity.

Our receipts for some time past have *been much under the average, and quite inadequate* for the expenses which are incident to the efficient support of the magazine.

Subscribers in arrear will find their accounts enclosed. Will each one remit his small account, and thus furnish us with an amount considerable in the aggregate?

It would be very grateful to our feelings not to have to advert to this matter. Besides paying a just debt, our subscribers who are in arrear will have the satisfaction of thinking that they are promoting our comfort and peace of mind, should they take this hint.

News of our Church.

THE SYNOD.

FIRST DIET.—*June 1.* Our supreme ecclesiastical Court began its sittings according to appointment, in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston. The Rev. John Campbell, M. A., Minister of Nottawasaga, Moderator, conducted the opening service, preaching a suitable discourse from 2 Cor. vi., 1.—“We then, as workers together with you, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.”

The meeting having been constituted with prayer, the Clerk called the names of 105 Ministers, and 89 Representative Elders, composing the Roll of the Synod. There were present, during the whole or part of the session, 98 members, namely, 71 Ministers, and 27 Elders.

From the addenda to the printed roll it appears that there are 19 retired ministers; and 10 missionaries, 5 of whom are ordained ministers, and 3 licentiates; there are other two licentiates whose names by some oversight have not been returned. Comparing the Roll with that of last year, 5 ministers have been removed—3 by death and 2 by resignation, while 3 have been added by induction.

Respecting two of the brethren who during the past year ceased from their labours, the Synod made record in the following terms:—

The death of the Very Reverend William Leitch, D. D., Principal of Queen's University and College, Kingston, having occurred since the last meeting of this Court, the Synod take the earliest opportunity of recording their sense of the loss thereby occasioned. By this dispensation, with which it hath pleased the All-wise Head of the Church so soon to afflict us, we are deprived of one to whose services we had reason to attach a very great value. His numerous accomplishments as a scholar and his eminent worth as a Christian imparted

far more than ordinary weight to his personal character. In him both theological learning and natural science had a distinguished representative and an able expounder. Rare powers of observing and discriminating, exercised upon important practical questions, gave breadth to his views and force to his counsels, while the gift of lucid and effective expression seldom failed to secure consideration for his opinions. Whilst from his large and enlightened sympathies, the late Principal took a lively interest in the subjects of religion and education, as bearing upon the welfare of mankind and the advancement of science, it is as a Minister of this Church, as a Member of this Court, and as Principal of Queen's University and Professor of Divinity during the last few years, that we, his brethren, are especially familiar with his name and acquainted with his career. In these several capacities he showed a zeal and an aptitude for work, from which, it is believed, much benefit has already flowed, and the influence of which, it is hoped, may be felt among us for many days. This Synod, while lamenting his early departure, and sympathizing with his numerous friends here and with his bereaved relatives in Scotland, desire, with humble submission, to acknowledge the hand of God in this dispensation, and to pray that they may be enabled to reap therefrom the peaceable fruits of righteousness, and to learn the solemn lesson of the uncertainty of life and of the necessity of working while it is called to day. The Synod hereby instruct their Clerk to transmit an Extract of this Minute to Miss Leitch.

The Synod unanimously agree to express their sense of the loss which the Church has sustained, since the last annual meeting of this Court, by the death of the Rev. John Skinner, D. D., Minister of Nelson and Waterdown, who by his talents and his zeal notably discharged his