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ANOTHER MISSIONARY.

We observe with much satisfaction in the *Home Record* for October the announcement of the appointment of a Sixth Missionary to Canada, viz: the Revd. R. G. McLaren, to the Presbytery of London, C. W.

THE BURSARY FUND.

The Commission of Synod at its recent meeting very properly determined to remind the Church of the appointment of Synod for an annual collection in behalf of this Scheme. Our readers are aware that the Bursary Fund is designed for the support of deserving young men pursuing their studies at Queen's College for the ministry; and, when it is considered that the prosperity of our Church is mainly dependent upon an adequate supply of ministers, and that those who determine to devote themselves to the sacred office are generally such as have to struggle with pecuniary difficulties, the importance of a general and a flourishing auxiliary Fund is at once apparent. At any time it could not be considered out of place to invite attention to this matter. But it ought to be remembered that there has been, within the last few years, a very great increase in the expense of boarding at Kingston; and, if it was ever right in the Synod to institute the Bursary

Fund, it cannot be wrong in the Commission of Synod now to command greater punctuality and liberality in the congregational collections for this object. We are sorry to learn that last year there was a considerable deficiency in the receipts. What were considered just demands could not be met with the ease and to the extent considered desirable. It is, so far, gratifying to hear that the Bursaries of the Montreal Lay Association are likely to be increased this year from £10 to £15 each. While calling attention to this subject, we cannot help suggesting that there should be a Committee of Synod specially charged with the duty of preparing an annual report on this Scheme. It is a true saying, "Out of sight, out of mind." If congregations are to be interested in this or any other scheme, the details and extent of its operations must be kept before them. At present the principal memorial of the existence of the Bursary Scheme is the occasional acknowledgement of a contribution in its behalf in our pages.

THE COLONIAL COMMITTEE AND THE CHURCH AT OSNABRUCK.

We have learned with much pleasure that the Colonial Committee have with a judicious liberality appropriated the handsome sum of £150 sterling in aid of the Church now being erected on the banks of the St. Lawrence at Osnabruck by the congregation there. The condition attach-

ed to the grant is, that the Church be freed of debt. This the grant will enable the people to accomplish, as, anticipating a grant of a much less sum in answer to their application, they had recently opened a supplementary subscription, which had reached £190. The Church, which will cost £1200, is a handsome brick structure with a stone-tower and slate roof, and, as a specimen of architecture, reflects much credit on all concerned in its erection. The Congregation are well deserving of the assistance so generously accorded them by the Committee. Within the last four years, and since the settlement of their present pastor, the Rev. R. Dobie, they have erected a brick manse on the glebe at a cost of £350, of which the people raised £200. Of the cost of the Church over £500 were raised in the Township, in addition to the supplementary subscription of £200; while £250 were subscribed in Montreal and about £50 in Cornwall by friends of the Church in these places. We are pleased to refer to such encouraging efforts on the part of a rural charge, and, while we feel assured that the active and liberal generosity of the Colonial Committee, and the interest they are evincing in our Synod, will encourage many a heart among our adherents, we rejoice that in this instance their bounty has been so deservedly bestowed. They who help themselves are most deserving of help. But these frequent instances of the benefits