

sary in Queen's College. This is judicious liberality, and the Ladies' Association deserves much credit for their contributing to a Bursary Endowment Fund.

#### EXEMPLARY LIBERALITY.

We understand that on Sabbath, the 8th of last month, a collection was made in St. Paul's Church, Montreal, in aid of the funds of the Montreal Ladies' Protestant Benevolent Institution, amounting to £22 1s. This collection was made shortly after the liberal offerings of this congregation to the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, amounting to £41 8s. 3d., and the collection adverted to in another place. Another pleasing instance of the liberality and kind consideration of this spirited congregation has been lately afforded, which we gladly record. On the 26th of January last, the Rev. Wm. Snodgrass, minister of the congregation, was waited upon and presented with a beautiful purse containing the handsome donation of £100 in twenty dollar gold pieces.

#### HENRY'S COMMENTARIES.—AN IMPORTANT OFFER.

We call the attention of Ministers, Missionaries and Students of our Church to an advertisement, in the last page of this Presbyterian, of a forthcoming edition of Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Holy Scriptures. Such an opportunity of getting so valuable a work rarely occurs. Several copies are already bespoken, and, as the number reserved for Canada is limited, early application, with remittance of subscriptions, is advised. We may add that Students for the ministry, although not Students of Theology, and teachers doing a little missionary work, come under the designation in the advertisement. Arrangements can be made to import several copies together, and distribute them from Montreal on their arrival here. So favorable an opportunity of acquiring a standard work may not soon again occur.

#### COLLECTIONS FOR THE COLONIAL SCHEME.

From the February number of the "Home and Foreign Record of the Church of Scotland" we learn that the handsome donation of £100 from "A Colonist," reported in our last, was remitted, "to be applied to the furthering of missionary objects in connexion with the Church in the colony of New Brunswick." We learn also from the same source that the congregation of Melrose, Scotland, has remitted to the Secretary of the Colonial Scheme the handsome collection of £33 12s., for the erection of a church, in connection with the Church of Scotland, at Moncton, New Brunswick. We further observe the following acknowledgement—"From the Funds of the Ayrshire Ladies' Association for Promoting Missions in Australia—

£114 4s. The largest congregational collection for the General Assembly's Colonial Scheme received between 15th December, 1856, and 15th January, 1857, are those reported from St. Matthew's, Glasgow (£37 10s.)—West Church, Greenock (£37)—Melrose (£33 12s.)—and Ayr (£22 9s.).

#### TABLET TO THE MEMORY OF DR. MCGILL.

A very neat marble cenotaph has been erected, close by the left-hand side of the pulpit of St. Paul's, Montreal, in memory of the late Rev. Robert McGill, D. D., bearing the following inscription:

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF  
THE REV. ROBERT MCGILL, D. D.,  
FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS OF HIS LIFE  
MINISTER OF THIS CHURCH.

EARNEST IN HIS MASTER'S WORK,  
ABLE, FAITHFUL, AND AFFECTIONATE,  
HIS AIM WAS TO COMMEND CHRIST.

IN TOKEN OF GRATITUDE  
AND  
IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE  
THIS TABLET IS ERECTED BY THE  
CONGREGATION OF ST. PAUL'S.  
BORN AT AYR, SCOTLAND,  
21st MAY, 1798,  
DIED AT MONTREAL,  
4th FEBRUARY, 1856.

The expense of erection was met by a congregational collection made on a Sabbath day, which, for this purpose, and for that of enclosing and beautifying the lots in Mount Royal Cemetery, the property of the congregation, and now containing the remains of Dr. McGill, and his daughter Mrs. Mowat, lately deceased, amounted to near £50.

The inscription is according to suggestions made by the late Hew Ramsay, Esq., of Montreal. To give these suggestions was the last thing he did in the capacity of an elder at the instance of the Kirk Session. The minister and the elder "were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided."

#### CONGREGATION OF ST. ANDREWS, ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

We heard incidentally from a friend the other day some cheering accounts of the prosperous state of our Church in St. John's, Newfoundland. We do not value the information any the less because of the incidental way in which it reached us, but the circumstance confirms us in the opinion we have frequently expressed, that ministers and members of our Church are far too remiss in communicating ecclesiastical intelligence. We would not certainly have them to be continually blowing and boasting for the mere sake of display, but we would have them to remember that, besides the cheering influence which good news

of our Church from any quarter is fitted to exert upon the spirit of all who are really interested in her welfare, there is a moral force for good in a praise-worthy example which can hardly be over-rated. If this be so, and if the view we express be in any degree a reflection of our Saviour's mind when He said, "Let your light so shine before men," &c., whatever else there is, surely there is responsibility in the matter.

In St. John's, Newfoundland, shut out from one end of the year to the other from all personal intercourse with his brethren, the Rev. Francis Nichol ministers to a united, attached and spirited congregation. It is not very large; but numbers do not always indicate willingness or ability. During the past year, ending in December last, they raised among themselves considerably upwards of one thousand pounds—£400 to redeem a mortgage on the church—nearly £350 for expenses connected with a day-school maintained by the congregation, aided by a legislative provision of £40 stig. per annum—and about £530 for current expenses. As the fruits of their own well tuned liberality, the congregation have now the satisfaction of worshipping in a church entirely free of debt, and of having under their sole control a well managed and prosperous school, with a dwelling-house and piece of ground for the use of the teacher, free from every encumbrance. This is creditable alike to the pastor and the people, and is a pleasing manifestation of the value and responsibility which they mutually attach to the tie which unites them.

#### THE DEATH OF HEW RAMSAY ESQ.

We are called upon to discharge a melancholy duty in chronicling the passing-away of a good man from our midst. Many of our readers will, ere this, have learned the lamented death of Hew Ramsay, Esq., though many of them, from his retiring character, may not have been aware of his real, unobtrusive worth. It is not our purpose to write a biographical notice of our departed friend, nor to utter a word in eulogy. Aught that we may say shall be the words of truth and soberness, tinged and hallowed, as these may be, by keen feelings of sorrow. Hew Ramsay was born in Edinburgh in 1811, and after receiving a good education entered the office of a writer to the Signet, and went through the study of a regular course of Law, a knowledge which in after life, while aiding some benevolent scheme or discharging some important public duty, he often turned to practical account. He emigrated to Canada in 1832, and, settling in Montreal, entered a mercantile office, and eventually commenced business as a bookseller and publisher. He at one time owned and published the Montreal Gazette, but disposed of it, in order to confine himself to