

there has been, and for a series of years, great pressure felt throughout the Province; but the deep poverty of the churches of Macedonia abounded unto the riches of their liberality. With all the pressure too that some have experienced, others have been advancing in their worldly circumstances; and it may be well for such to be reminded that a sum for the support of religious ordinances which may indicate great liberality on the part of a poor man, is not the measure with which he should be satisfied, whose accumulating thousands tell of the bounties which God's providence has been heaping upon him.

#### PROFESSORIAL FUND.

This Fund now amounts to about £2400. This sum is still far from what was contemplated as the amount to be raised for the endowment of the Professorial Chairs; but it shows what may be done, even in seasons of difficulty, and without any great effort on the part of those who have been contributing. The Synod, keeping in view the object for which the scheme was originated, altho' the time has expired within which a hope was expressed that it might by a vigorous effort be accomplished, have instructed the College Board to continue the issuing of the collecting cards. These accordingly have been printed, and are now in the course of being distributed over the different localities. That the Free Church of Scotland does not contemplate the breaking up of the College is evident, both from the efforts she has already made to support the Professors, and from the magnificent present which, through her subscriptions last year, she has made of premises for the use both of the College and the Academy. It remains for the friends of the Free Church in these Lower Provinces to show that they appreciate her liberality, and that they are not unworthy of the sacrifices which she has been making in order to secure for them the means of rearing a ministry from among themselves. The experiment so far as it has proceeded is encouraging. Is it not time that the wealthier members of the Church should show, by their enlarged contributions, that they are coming to have some due sense of the magnitude of the object that is aimed at?

#### COLLEGE AND ACADEMY BUILDINGS,

Following out the instructions of the Synod, the College Board have complet-

ed a bargain with the Trustees of St John's Church for that property. According to the plans which have been fixed upon for the alterations, accommodation will be secured not only for the College and Academy, but also for St John's School, which is at present so efficiently conducted by Messrs. Hector McKay and William Murray, two of the students; and for a Preaching Station, in a quarter of the city where it is much needed. The contractor has already made some progress in his work; and there is every reason to expect that the premises will be ready for occupation before the close of the month of October.

#### FREE PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

At the ordinary meeting of this court on the 28th July, Mr. George Sutherland, at present on trials for license, very creditably passed through his catechetical examinations.

A deputation attended to lay before the Presbytery certain Resolutions agreed to at a congregational meeting in St. John's Church, thanking the Presbytery for their kindness in upholding public worship there since the opening of Chalmers' Church, and requesting a continuance of these services, should the College Board be able to accommodate them with a place of meeting. Some discussion followed; in which, on the one hand, Mr. Forrester intimated his view of the case to be, that St. John's station was under the charge of the Kirk Session of Chalmers' Church, and that it was not for the interests of Chalmers' congregation that it should be continued; while Professor King, on the other hand, showed, both from the terms in which the application for supply had been originally made, and from the way in which the supplies had been always granted, that it was under the direct superintendence of the Presbytery, and also that its influence had operated beneficially both upon the immediate locality and upon the interests of Chalmers' congregation. A motion was at length made by Professor King, and seconded by Mr. George McLeod, elder from Chalmers' congregation, "That the Presbytery cordially receive this application, and agree to give the supply, provided the College Board grant the necessary accommodation." It was moved as an Amendment, by Mr. Forrester, That the Presbytery grant the request of the applicants, and declare that station to be entirely under