

be replied that a body of pledged contributors may be secured. Nothing is easier than to get promises; but I have been assured by editors on both sides of the Atlantic that no dependence can be placed on such engagements unless there be a pecuniary consideration, on which I suppose you will not venture. Permit me then, as a sincere and zealous well-wisher, to recommend that there be great caution exercised, and that you commit yourself to nothing without having secured, first, an adequacy of really paying subscribers, and secondly, an editor, whether lay or clerical, who has leisure and ability to furnish a well filled Magazine on the first of each month, with or without coöperation, as the case may be.

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LETTER FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of the Canadian U. P. Magazine.

29th August, 1861.

DEAR SIR,—I think few interesting events of an ecclesiastical kind have occurred here since I last wrote you. This is the season of holidays. Almost every Minister has his vacation, longer or shorter according to circumstances; and scarcely one of them is, at present, at home. A number are at Geneva, attending the Conference of the Evangelical Alliance, and others have betaken themselves in a variety of different directions. The number of U. P. Probationers is very large contrasted with the vacancies, but, for a few Sabbaths past, there has been great difficulty in getting pulpits supplied, and a number of Students have been engaged. The Divinity Hall of the U. P. Church is at present in Session, and the entire number of Students in attendance is 171, viz. : of the fifth year 39; of the fourth 36; of the third 33; of the second 30; and of the first 33.

It may interest some of your readers to state that the Rev. Mr. Thomson of Kirkcaldy, Fife, has accepted of Regent Place Congregation, Glasgow, where he will be the successor of Rev. Dr. Edmond and Rev. Dr. Heugh. The district of Glasgow, including Regent Place, was represented as in great destitution. One of the Commissioners from the Congregation said, "But there is one other reason I would crave leave to adduce in support of our call before sitting down. Notwithstanding it is frequently believed that Glasgow is well provided with churches and ministers, facts prove the contrary, and especially as regards the eastern division of the city. From the recent census returns, it is found that in the three registration districts, near to the locality in which Regent Place Church is situated, there are about 140,000 inhabitants—a population nearly equal to that of the kingdom of Fife! and for these there exist only about 24 churches of all denominations, thus allowing about 6000 persons for each church; and even deducting one-half of that number for young children and others unable to attend public worship, there still remains more than enough to fill fifty churches! There, at least, "the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few." It is thus evident that while there is already in connection with Regent Place Church a large and respectable membership, who possess a place of worship entirely free from debt, with school-room and other accommodation suitable for carrying on extensive Christian labours, there reside in the vicinity a large number of individuals who are as yet without the pale of the visible church, and whose case,