

fac-simile. The volume with an historical introduction and bibliography by William Carruthers, F.R.S., will be issued shortly and ought to be much prized by Presbyterians.

#### THE COLLEGE FUND.

THE following statement on the College Fund, by Rev. Dr. Warden, we commend to the liberality of the Church:--

By appointment of the General Assembly, the annual collection for Colleges takes place on the fourth Sabbath of Sept., 20th inst. The following are the amounts required from the congregations of the Church over and above interest from investments, etc. :--

Knox College .....	\$12,000
Queen's (including deficit of \$9,000) .....	13,000
Presbyterian College, Montreal .....	5,000

It will be observed that the estimate for Queen's College is greatly in excess of preceding years because of the deficit from former years being included.

Since the abolition of the Common Fund in 1888, congregations contribute to one or more of the Colleges as they think well. A growing number divide their contributions among all the Colleges, instead of giving the entire amount to any one. It is earnestly hoped that every congregation and Mission Station in the Church will contribute for theological education, so that the amount required by each of the Colleges may be secured. Students and other Missionaries will please see that the collection is made in the mission fields under their care. Where congregations are vacant, it is hoped that the Session will attend to the collection being made.

As the opening of the Colleges is near at hand, it is most opportune that in connection with the collection on the 26th inst., special prayer be offered in all our churches on behalf of Professors and students.

#### A GOOD EXAMPLE FOLLOWED.

THE *North and West*, one of our most welcome contemporaries from "over the border," appears this month in a smaller and improved form. It has, in fact, followed the example set by the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW a few years ago, as have, indeed, not a few other church papers in the United States. It is needless to say that *North and West* in its new form, is brimful of good things as of old and we welcome it with the hope that it may long hold its influential position in the Western field.

#### THE KESWICK BRETHERN.

THE addresses delivered by the representatives of the Keswick Brethren are attracting attention. The meetings held in London, Ontario, were well attended and are said to be productive of good results. The special points on which stress are laid by the Brethren and the views entertained and inculcated by them have been more than once alluded to in our columns and need no repetition. There is much to be admired in the movement and something also that should be received with caution. The delegates at present visiting Canada represent the Presbyterian, the Anglican and the Methodist Churches and are Revs. John Sloan, Glasgow; F. Scott Webster, M.A., Birmingham, and Chas. Inwood, Belfast. A sample of their ideas may be presented by an extract from one of Mr. Webster's sermons on the characteristics of a true Christian:

"Where the gospel of Christ comes in truth and power, the handwriting of Jesus Christ is easily recognized. The gospel is the ministration of righteousness, as well as of love and mercy. It is to emphasize that that the present mission to this city is being held. The Gospel is God's righteous way of making men righteous—not an easy way of getting around the law, not an easy way of succeeding

Many do not grasp this feature of the gospel. What are the marks of the handwriting of Jesus Christ? The first mark is a deep sense of sin—a sense which the culture of the nineteenth century is doing much to minimize. The Christian knows that sin is something real and terrible, and as he grows in grace this sense will become greater. The second mark is a blessed sense of peace within. The ministrations of the church cannot give this. It must be obtained through direct contact with Jesus Christ. He is the Prince of Peace, and He stamps His own peace on every heart that is truly His. The third mark is a knowledge of life from above—the Holy Spirit enabling you for every duty. The fourth mark is that of the cross. If you have never experienced a cross for Jesus Christ's sake, I am afraid the handwriting of Christ cannot be seen in you. You cannot escape the cross without denying the Crucified One. If you want to follow Jesus Christ, you must take up the cross daily. Do we often wonder why the heathen have such strange ideas of Christianity? It is because so often the handwriting is not legible."

Many Christians have drawn fresh inspiration from the earnest teachings of the votaries of the Keswick movement.

#### ADVERTISING SCHEMES.

OCCASIONALLY newspapers are tempted to try schemes that do not seem to be quite reputable in order to increase their circulation. Premiums are offered, and prizes also, on conditions that are lop-sided and apparently unjust. The Church papers are more careful as a rule, being jealous of their good name and standing with the better minded classes of people. But recently a number of church or religious weeklies of high repute have been caught napping and in their columns are advertisements offering objectionable premiums in the interest of circulation. And such papers as the *Independent*, the *Interior*, and the *Living Age* have not refused their space to the advertisements—no doubt because they are well paid for the insertions. It is with regret we note the fact for we regard such periodicals as called upon by the position they occupy to set a good example to the profession.

#### PRINCETON'S BAR-ROOM.

PRINCETON University has been subjected to much criticism on account of the part taken by several professors and Alumni in connection with establishing a license for selling alcoholic drinks in the grill-room of the University. Naturally the countenancing of such a thing called forth unfavorable comment and on any ground it is difficult to justify it. Nevertheless, a defence has been put up by the Presbyterian Journal and letters from Alumni sustaining their action have been published. The position assumed is that the serving of such beverages in a respectable place would prevent the students from visiting disreputable saloons—the old time argument, so often refuted that it is scarcely worth while alluding to it. The bar-room degrades whatever institution it may be connected with, whether it be a club, a summer hotel or a legislature and the tendency of opinion is emphatically against the multiplication of the evil. Of all places a Presbyterian College ought to be free from the contaminating influences of the bar-room and saloon and the fallacy of Princeton's argument is too apparent to satisfy any one interested in the welfare of the students and of the University.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

THE regulations governing F. M. Work in India under the new constitution; the regulations with respect to the Ewart Training School Toronto, the reports by Messrs. Hamilton Cassels and A. Jeffrey on work in British Columbia and the North West respec-