

contribution, must always be precarious. Every institution of the kind has found it necessary to have permanent vested funds, upon the annual produce of which, it may in some measure depend for its support. It is believed that, no instance can be found, in which a body has succeeded in maintaining itself for any length of time, without having some more steady and permanent source of income, than the occasional contributions of its friends. When we consider the large amount of yearly liability now incurred, and the state of the annual contributions of the church, the friends of the Institution may well feel some anxiety, as to how our engagements are to be met. Even were enough received to meet these annual demands, it is as much as in present circumstances would be expected, even by the most sanguine, so that nothing would remain for Library or apparatus, or whatever else might add to the efficiency of the Institution. Besides, too, these contributions are so easily affected by circumstances, that were the Synod to depend upon them solely, the Institution might at any moment be brought to a stand, or the Committee involved in debt.

While these are the strong reasons urging us to some measures to promote these objects, we have had, on the other hand, strong encouragement to make an attempt to raise a fund for these purposes. Other bodies in the Province, not exceeding in wealth the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, have successfully attempted this; and we cannot believe that her members will be behind the members of any denomination in the Province in liberality. Indeed, many of them have pressed upon us the propriety of adopting some such measure. One or two have published on the subject, tendering liberal assistance; while many who have contributed to the college schemes of other bodies, promise us their aid, and blame us for not seeking it; and it is believed, that those who have most liberally and steadily supported the Institution from its foundation, will most cheerfully make a special effort to

set the Institution on a footing of security.

Under these circumstances, the Synod meeting extra-judicially, after the transaction of the regular business of its meeting, in January last, Resolved that an effort be made to raise the sum of £6000, for Library, apparatus, and investment, in such proportions as the Synod may hereafter determine, with the understanding, however, that should any contributor wish his contribution devoted specially to any of these objects, his wishes would be religiously attended to. The Committee of superintendence were appointed to carry out this resolution, and were directed to adopt a scheme proposed, under the signature of "Prompter," in the "Register" for May last, with such modifications as they might see fit.

The Committee have since met, and adopted "Prompter's" scheme, with the single modification of making the amounts payable in instalments, running over four years. The scheme will therefore stand thus:—

1st Class, 20 persons to give each L. 12 10s. per annum, or L.50,	£1000
2d Class, 25 persons, to give each L.10 per annum, or L.10,	1000
3d Class, 40 persons, to give each L.6 5 per annum, or L.25,	1000
4th Class, 50 persons, to give each L.5 per annum, or L.20,	1000
5th Class, 100 persons, to give each, L.2 10s. per annum, or L.10,	1000
6th Class, 200 persons, to give each L.1 5s. per annum, or L.5,	1000
Donations received of any amount.	

These sums are not payable till the whole of each class is made up; and if, as it is hoped, that the various classes will be made up during the ensuing autumn, the first instalment will be made payable on the 1st of January, 1855, and the other instalments yearly afterwards.

It is contemplated, during the present season, to make a thorough canvass of the churches, on behalf of this scheme. The Revds. John Cameron and George Patterson have been appointed to visit the congregations in Nova Scotia, on its behalf; and the Revds. Isaac Murray, Henry Crawford and John McLeod, or any two of them that may be in circumstances to undertake the work, those in P. E. Island. It is expected that