

the head of the prophets and head over all things, for his body the church.

And, brethren, we now also request your enlarged liberality towards the college. Blessed be God, all Christ's people are privileged to be his servants, yea, fellow-workers with himself in helping forward his kingdom. And all more or less, with their personal service in their substance, may evince their love to him, and devotedness to that cause for which he suffered and died, and now reigns in heaven; and we now ask your offerings, as God has blessed you, in order to the training of devoted men for the ministry.

We are not now calling on you to contribute to purchase a site, to erect buildings, or to pay for a charter for our institution. Some of us, when in connexion with the established Church of Scotland, appealed to our people for large contributions, and were ourselves considerable contributors, for these objects. But God has led us in a way that we knew not. We have learned, that as a congregation may prosper in spiritual things though they be only tenants and not proprietors of the building in which they assemble, so it may be with a college. Our present urgent work is to train and send forth ministers; and we now know that this may be done, though our class rooms and halls be rented from year to year. We have learned that it is so with the theological school of Geneva, over which Merle D'Aubigne presides; and our younger seminary may be contented to pass its infancy in similar circumstances. Still, with our increased and increasing expenditure, a considerable sum is required.

Heretofore our expenditure has been very limited, just because so many of the professors were laboring without expense to us. Our obligations for the last year considerably exceed our receipts, though as to actual payment the Treasurer is as yet only to a small amount in advance.

The following is a note of the actual receipts and expenditure.

	RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
1845 . .	£327 3 10	£159 13 11
1845-6 . .	268 15 2	359 2 6
1846-7 . .	423 15 2	402 15 10

For the current year, to meet existing claims, to pay professors' salaries, to pay the academy for instruction given to our students, to meet the expense of our deputation to Scotland, to purchase books for the library, and to meet contingencies, the Synod have deliberately and unanimously resolved to exert themselves in raising £1200.

And now we call on you—and we desire that this call be actually carried to every member of the church—to every adherent in our congregations—to come forward and give us promptly and liberally towards raising this amount.

In name and by authority of the College Committee at Toronto, this 9th day of July, 1857.

Yours,

WM. RINTOUL,

Convener.

The work of collection for the College is now in progress in various places. It will be seen that it is not to be made through public collections on the Lord's day, but personal appeals to the members and adherents of the Church.

We here give the arrangements of the College Sub-Committee, as contained in their minutes:

Toronto, 22nd September, 1847.

The College Sub-Committee being met and constituted, *inter alia*,

The Sub-Committee, considering that the arrangement formerly made for obtaining subscriptions to the College Fund, had not been carried out, agreed to recommend the following more minute division of the bounds of the church for that purpose, viz:

Messrs. Robb, Stark, Meldrum, and McLean for their own congregations, and the stations connected with them, also that in West Flamboro'.

Dr. Ferrier and Mr. Cheyne their own congregations and stations, as also Wellandport, Dunn-

ville, Wapole, Port Dover, Simcoe, and Victoria. Messrs. Smith, Lindsay, and McGregor their own congregations, and that of Galt, with the stations at Woolwich, Blenheim, Owen's Sound Road and Sydenham.

Messrs. McKenzie, Allan, and Lindsay the congregations of Zorra, Starnord, and St. Thomas, with the stations at Ingersoll, London, and Williamsburg.

Mr. Graham, Tuckersmith and adjoining townships.

Messrs. Macalister and McKinnon, Port Sarina and Plympton, with the stations at Eekford, Moen, Zone, Dunwich, Aldboro', Oxbow, Howarth, Harwich, and Tilbury West.

Mr. Feden, his own congregation, and adjoining townships.

Messrs. Esson, Harris, and Boyd, Toronto, Oakville, Trafalgar Mills, York Mills, Vaughan and King, Markham, Humber, Weston, and Niagara.

Messrs. Rintoul, McMillan, and Gray, the townships of Toronto, Equezeing, Caledon, Chinguacousy, Elm, Nassagaweyn, and Mono.

Messrs. McMillan, Gray, and Boyd, with the Missionaries and Catechists for the time being within these bounds, West Gwillimbury, Oro, Medonte, Orillia, Mara, Thorah and Eldon, Manjosa, Brock, and Georgina.

Messrs. Reid and Steele, Cobourg, Grafton, Darlington, and stations adjoining.

Messrs. Roger, Douglass, and Wallace, their own congregations, with stations adjoining.

Messrs. Rintoul, Reid, and Burns, the city of Kingston.

Messrs. Leishman and Buchanan, for Montreal.

Messrs. Clugson, Munn, and Gibb, for Quebec.

The Sub-Committee agreed to refer the arrangements for the other congregations and stations in the eastern part of the Province, to the Commission at Kingston.

The Sub-Committee authorised the Convener to transmit the printed circulars to the foregoing parties, with a short notice explanatory of the mode of proceedings adopted in Toronto in obtaining subscriptions, and the success which has attended it, and to urge on them the importance of an early completion of the work in the several congregations and stations, and of collecting, wherever it is practicable, at the time that subscriptions are obtained.

The Sub-Committee further recommend that the collections be made in all the more accessible places immediately, and that they should be completed in every place by the middle of February next. Remittances to be made from time to time to John McMurrich, Esq., Toronto, and reports of the progress or completion of the work to the Convener of the College Committee.—*Extracted from the Minutes.*

W. R.

Mr. Esson has been laying the case before the members and adherents of Knox's Church, Toronto. The method he has adopted, and the result so far of his visits, are set forth in a paper which he has printed. This was in our printer's hands, with a view to quoting largely from it, but we are at present shut up to the necessity of giving a summary of his proceedings. He has divided the whole congregation into classes, and, up to the 25th September, had obtained the following results:

CLASS I.—Of professional men and merchants, 28 in annual subscriptions varying from £1 to £5, give £56 5s. II.—Of clerks, &c., 35 give £26. III.—Of master mechanics, 16 give £14 15s. IV.—Of journeymen and apprentices, 39 give £14 10s. V.—Of females, married and unmarried, 26 give £12 17s. 6d. Total 147 subscribers, giving £129 10s. per annum. Mr. Esson's work is only in progress; he has other two classes, among whom he has scarcely broken ground, viz: VI.—Subscribers, not children, giving less than £1 per annum, and not less than 1d. per month; and VII.—Children. The subscriptions have thus far been made by himself; he expects that they will

be completed and collected by a body of collectors from amongst the congregation, and, as the result of the whole, that £219, or even £250, will be raised for the college fund for the current year. The example which he and the congregation of Toronto have thus exhibited, will not, we trust, be lost on ourselves and congregation. "Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works."

Home Missions.

Our columns, it will be seen, contain some very lengthened communications from missionaries, and, we doubt not, that they will be perused with interest by our readers. Were the missionary operations of the Synod conducted in a more systematic way, it might be required that such communications should come to us only after they had been submitted to Presbyteries, or to the Home Mission Committee. As it is, we must suggest to our contributors in this most important department, whether missionaries or catechists, that the communications which they transmit to us should be extracts from their journals, or narratives of interesting incidents in the course of their labours, or observations on the spiritual aspect of the field around them, rather than a mere transcript from a journal. The latter should be submitted to the Presbytery, or Home Mission Committee, while it might not possess sufficient interest for the readers of the *Record*. To few of them can it be of any importance merely to know that the missionary preached in such a place, on such a day.

These remarks are suggested by some missionary journals which we have read, rather than by those which we are now introducing to our readers.

The communication of Mr. Fraser, which has just come into our hand, will be read with great interest. It will suggest various thoughts and emotions in all amongst us who are desirous to see the advancement of the kingdom of God. Behold in the awakening described by our brother a reason for admiring and adorning the sovereignty of God!

At our disruption, it seemed from the few ministers in the eastern part of the Province who abandoned their connexion with the Scottish establishment, as though we were to be, in a great measure, shut out from the people there; so that one of the ministers, who reluctantly, we believe, clung to the established church—for all his previous sympathies were with the leaders of the Free Church of Scotland—expressed himself to us, as we were taking a final leave of the Synod, in terms to this effect: "You are most numerous in the west, and we in the east, and it will just come to this—that you will get the one part of the Province and we the other." But truth spurns alike the limits of geography and the indifference or the opposition of multitudes. The Presbytery of Glengary, in 1843, contained 9 ministers; and at our disruption, in 1844, only one of these cast off connexion with the established church of Scotland. The rest of them appeared to have the whole of the district to themselves. We had few Gaelic ministers even in the west, and these could not be spared from the wide and unoccupied tracks around them. But God's ways are wonderful. Two, if not more, of the Glengary ministers proved the strength of their attachment to the established church of Scotland.