

Presbyteries.	Names of Presbytery Clerks.	Names of Vacancies.
L—London .....	Rev. J. A. Proudfoot, London P.O. ....	1, Nissouri—West and North; 2, Downie and Fullarton; 3, Florence; 4, Tibbury; 5, Brucefield; 6, Grey; 7, Turnberry; 8, Woodstock; 9, Kincardine; 10, Grant County, Wisconsin, U.S.
B—Brant.....	Rev. A. Drummond, Brantford P. O. ....	1, Norwich; 2, Blanford; 3, Mornington; 4, Grant's Corners.
F—Flamberg'...	Rev. J. Porteous, Kirkwall P.O.	1, St. George.
W—Wellington .	" R. Torrance, Guelph P.O.	1, Galt; 2, Garrafraxa.
G—Grey.....	" Robt. Dewar, Leith P.O., Owen Sound.....	1, Sullivan; 2, Normanby; 3, Bentinck; 4, Greenock North.
T—Toronto.....	Rev. J. Dick, Richmond Hill P.O.	1, Caledon; 2, Tecumseth.
D—Durham.....	" R. Thornton, Oshawa P.O.	1, Columbus.
C. E—Canada East .....	Rev. Wm. Taylor, D.D., Montreal P.O. ....	1, Lachute; 2, New Glasgow; 3, Hemmingsford.

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## FUND FOR AIDING AND ENCOURAGING STUDENTS IN DIVINITY.

It will be recollected that in the summer of 1855 a number of the Congregations in the Church were visited, with the view of raising contributions for this Fund; and so handsomely did most of these Congregations respond, that a sum was at once obtained sufficient to furnish Exhibitions to the Students for two years, and leave a balance, still on hand, of £76 15s. This sum being inadequate for another year, the Committee on Theological Education have, in accordance with a deed of Synod, resolved that an application be immediately made to the Congregations that have not yet contributed, hoping that these will cheerfully imitate the excellent example which has been set. The cause is common, and the object is important. The Church is laudably desirous to be independent of pecuniary assistance from home. But in order to that, it is surely of the utmost consequence that we should procure in Canada a sufficient supply of Ministers. The Synod have just applied for twelve preachers from Scotland. Supposing that number sent out, and supposing them all to be married, and to have their passage and outfit paid at the usual rate, that itself would imply a contribution of £960 sterling by the Home Church, independently of any engagement to supplement their stipends, after their arrival here. Giving Exhibitions to the Students will not of itself secure a large attendance at our Hall, and it is not desirable that any should be induced by such a consideration to attend. The assistance, however, which has been afforded has undoubtedly removed out of the way of some, obstacles which would otherwise have been insuperable, and the number of Students has accordingly very sensibly increased. There is every probability that were the Exhibitions withdrawn, the attendance would immediately decline. It is not difficult for a well-educated young man, in Canada, to earn what is amply sufficient for his comfortable maintenance; but the case is altered if he is allowed only half the year for that purpose.

It is not pretended that the Exhibitions have been awarded in a manner absolutely perfect, or that plausible objections may not be raised against the plan of distribution. But it is most confidently affirmed that there have been great care and conscientiousness in the matter; and that no better method than that adopted, can be devised by the Committee. It is quite certain, also, that great good has resulted from the Examinations, in connection with which the Exhibitions have been made. If Ministers and Elders will frankly and heartily give their countenance, there will be no difficulty in obtaining a liberal contribution. That is sufficiently demonstrated by the experience of 1855. We subjoin a list of the Congregations which formerly contributed, that it may be understood which are the Congregations now looked to, for supply:—Hamilton £81 5s, Eramosa £30 2s. 6d., Caledonia £4 6s. 3d,