

all parts of the world. These applications are every year, becoming more numerous, and more urgent; and it is with a home population still but scantily provided for, that, in the generosity of her heart, she has been so extensively distributing what, nevertheless, she could but ill spare.

Convinced by experience, therefore, that whatever efforts may be made by those at a distance to provide ministers for these Colonies, no adequate supply can be obtained but by providing means for having them educated within their own bounds, the Synod, at its meeting held in 1846, encouraged in the undertaking by the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, appointed a Committee to take steps towards the accomplishment of that object. The subject was still more fully considered at their meeting in the following year. The Rev. Mr. Stewart of New Glasgow had just returned from Scotland with the assurance of the Colonial Committee of the Free Church there, that they would open, and continue to support for a certain term of years, a Theological Institution in the Colony, in the understanding that the Synod would, in the meantime, raise a fund for the permanent endowment of the Professors to be appointed. The Synod, accordingly, after full and mature deliberation, resolved:—
 "I. That they shall endeavour to raise £8000, during the next four years, to be a permanent fund, the interest of which shall go to support two professors. II. That, for accomplishing this most necessary object, the Synod shall institute Collecting Associations within their bounds, furnish them with collecting cards, and instruct Presbyteries to see that these Associations be put into active operation, and that all monies collected shall be transmitted to the Bank of Nova Scotia, Halifax, before the end of June, 1848."

The Colonial Committee of the Free Church, in fulfilment of the engagement into which they had so generously entered, sent out, in October 1848, Professors King and McKenzie, who, opening the session of College soon after their arrival, had under their charge that winter fifteen students. Three of these were so far advanced that they were in circumstances to enter immediately on the study of Theology. The remaining twelve attended the preliminary classes. During the following session, the College was sorely tried in the death, first of a

highly promising student, Mr. Robert McDonald, from small pox, and, secondly, of Professor McKenzie, from a disease under which he had been labouring before he came to the Province. Eighteen students, however, completed the course of the session, of whom seven attended the classes of Theology, and eleven attended the preliminary classes.—During the current session, the College enjoys the benefit of the able services of Professor Lyall, appointed by the Colonial Committee in the room of the late Professor McKenzie. There are twenty-two students in attendance, of whom eighteen are attending the preliminary classes, and four are prosecuting their course of Theology. Three who had been attending the Theological classes during the last session, and who had but a short time before that come out from Scotland, were constrained to return to their native country, in consequence of the state of their health; and we would direct especial attention to this, as showing how necessary it is that the Provinces should look to their own population for the supply which they need for their pulpits.

There has, then, been a steady increase in the number of students, in the course of these three sessions. With one exception, the whole of them, now in attendance, belong either to Nova Scotia or to New-Brunswick; and the church has reason to congratulate herself on the promise which they hold out, not only in respect to their number, but still more in respect to their personal qualifications.

The only remark which we shall make at present in reference to the progress of the Professorial Fund is, that the statements which we have just submitted are well calculated to stimulate to increased exertions, for the formation of that Fund, those who have been already endeavouring to do their duty towards it; and to administer a rebuke to such as may have been hitherto negligent in a matter which so directly concerns their own best interests, while others have been showing themselves to be so much alive to their importance.

COLLEGE AND ACADEMY BUILDINGS.

When the Synod of this Church felt itself driven to the necessity of devising means for rearing a native ministry for these Provinces, if a ministry is to be enjoyed at all, it was at once