

was still undivided; and the *Old Light* not only has as much interest in it, but, to say the least, holds as steadily by it as the *New*. Still farther, this is not only the Light received and diffused by the "fathers of the Secession," and which the *New Light*, as professing to be their descendants, must not, in opposition to the *Old Light*, claim as exclusively their own inheritance; but it is a Light with which these fathers were acquainted while they were still in the Establishment. In short, it is just a portion of God's truth embodied in those Westminster Standards which the "fathers of the Secession" were determined to adhere to, and which are maintained in their integrity by the Free Church. The *New Light* cannot hold that principle, in the character of *Seceders*, but as finding it agreeable both to the word of God and to the Westminster Confession of Faith.

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TRANSMISSION OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROFESSORIAL FUND.

Notwithstanding some hints which we took the liberty of throwing out some months ago, there has been considerable irregularity this season in the transmission of the contributions to the Professorial Fund. This involves the Secretary of the College and Academy Board in very serious difficulties, in the transaction of the varied matters which, at much inconvenience to himself, he has agreed to superintend. It has a tendency also both to occasion direct loss, and to create most unjustly a feeling of dissatisfaction and distrust in reference to the officials in Halifax. A case or two can be understood where the collecting of the contributions may have been delayed, in order to obtain the benefit of that season of the year in which means are most abundant in particular localities. This is quite proper; and the diversified circumstances of the country require that something should be left to the discretion of the friends who are upon the spot, as to the most favourable season of the year for making the collections. But there are cases where this can scarcely be assigned as the reason for the delay, and in which parties may require to be reminded that when the year's subscriptions are gathered in, they ought to be transmitted by the earliest opportunity. In availing themselves however of an early opportunity some care should be exercised by those at a distance in endeavouring

to secure the transmission through a proper channel. The intercourse between Halifax and all the quarters from which subscriptions come is such, that it does not appear as if it should involve any very great effort to obtain the services of those who take an interest in the object. At all events, it is hoped that some improvement may be the result of calling attention to the subject, and therefore we very readily give a place in this number to the Letter from Mr Liddell which follows; and also to the excellent hints in Mr. Drummond's Tract which he has enclosed. It seems to be universally allowed that the Province has been highly favoured with the bounties of God's providence in the course of the year that has just elapsed; and surely it is not too much to expect that some manifestations of gratitude should appear in the enlarged contributions of those who profess to take an interest in his cause.

LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE COLLEGE AND ACADEMY BOARD.

(To the Editor of the Free Church Record.)

DEAR SIR,—Would you be so kind as allow me to notice in the Record, a few facts respecting our College Fund, which may tend to guide the friends of that cause, and at the same time to lead them to renewed exertions. In the first place, I am sorry to say, that up to the present time, many of the Associations have sent nothing forward for the last year, although I am well aware that collections have been made. In some cases, I have received lists of contributions without property, and in others, property without lists. I feel it to be very difficult, under such circumstances, to keep my accounts as correctly as I would wish, but really do not know with whom the blame rests; for in many cases I never see the parties who bring along the property, and I am sometimes at a loss to know from whence it comes. I have frequently had persons, unconnected in every way with the scheme, calling upon me to say, that Butter had been left in their charge, which they supposed was for our College; and in one instance, a small lot had been in a Merchant's cellar for weeks before I knew any thing of it's being there. Complaints have been made to me that lists of subscribers' names had not made their appearance in print. I think what I have stated above, sufficiently explains the reasons; for I am scrupulously particular about such as I receive: and if parties who feel aggrieved would take the trouble to search carefully into the matter, they might find that the fault was not with me, but lay nearer home. I have in many cases, handed lists for printing, long before