

appeal we think an annual collection on behalf of the College should be faithfully taken up and liberally sustained. The endowment of the College, the gift of far-seeing friends of the Church, though an excellent nucleus, is not of itself sufficient for the efficient maintenance and extension of the College; but, with prudence, economy, judicious management, and the continued liberality of our people, a position of independence and usefulness will be attained. It is a matter of interest to notice that students from the Lower Provinces have commenced attending the College. We trust this may be the beginning of a movement which will lead to a numerous attendance from these Provinces, and give to the Divinity classes the position of a Divinity Hall for our Church in British North America. This Branch of the College especially merits attention. In the present position of our Church, if it is to maintain its position and extend its usefulness in this great and growing Province, our own young men must be found in increasing numbers, going through the classes of the College and becoming fitted for dispensing the Word of Life to our adherents, many of whom now lack the ministrations of the Sanctuary. We hope that many a Christian parent will consider whether he has no Samuel among his flock to lend to the Lord, and that many a Christian youth will see his path clear to devoting himself to the work of his master in the office of the Holy Ministry of our Church.

CHURCH IN CANADA.

FRENCH MISSION FUND.

Niagara, per Rev. J. B. Mowat,.....	£4	16	2
Guelph, per Rev. C. Grigor,.....	1	5	0
Additional,.....	0	5	0
Simcoe, per Rev. G. Bell,.....	2	10	0
Binbrooke, per Rev. W. Johnson, 1854	0	17	9
Additional,.....1855	0	8	10
Saltfleet, per Rev. W. Johnson, 1854	1	1	0
Additional,.....1855	0	11	3
Fergus, per Rev. A. Fordyce,.....	1	10	0
Chatham, per Rev. John Robb,.....	1	10	0
Beckwith, per Rev. D. Morrison,....	1	0	0
Perth, per Rev. W. Bain,.....	6	6	3
Markham, per Rev. J. Gordon,.....	2	15	0
Nottawasaga, per Rev. J. Campbell,.	3	15	0

EDUCATION FUND.

Perth, per Rev. W. Bain,.....	£7	0	0
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HUGH ALLAN, Treasurer.

PATRIOTIC FUND.

The contribution from New Richmond (Rev. J. Davidson) should have been entered £14 5s. instead of £0 14s. 5d. as erroneously printed in a former number.

The total amount collected for the Patriotic Fund was £508 12s. 9d. currency, which was remitted on 13th August to the Agent for the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh. A complete list will appear when the receipt of the money has been acknowledged.

HEW RAMSAY, Treasurer

CONGREGATION OF SMITH'S FALLS.

We understand that this congregation has transmitted to the General Agent of the Montreal Auxiliary to the British and Foreign Bible Society the sum of £3 15s. as a contribution to the *Chinese Testament Fund*.

CONGREGATION OF HAMILTON.—We learn with pleasure from the *Hamilton Spectator* that the Ladies of the Congregation in Hamilton have recently presented their pastor, the Revd. R. Burnett, with £50, to be devoted to journeyings for the benefit of his health. Such instances of kindly feeling and sympathy are indeed cheering.

THE CONGREGATION OF THREE RIVERS.

We have much pleasure in extracting the following from the *Three Rivers Inquirer* of 15th August.

To-day at 4 o'clock, P. M., the corner-stone of the Presbyterian Church was laid. This highly respectable section of the Christian body has in course of erection a handsome and commodious place of worship.

The Congregation in February last appointed the following gentlemen as Building Committee:—

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| Messrs. John Kerr,             | Messrs. G. Baptist. |
| G. B. Houliston, W. McDougall, |                     |
| A. McPherson, A. McKelvie,     |                     |
| A. Craik                       | T. Gordon,          |
| James Dickson;                 |                     |

and so active have they been in soliciting subscriptions, and so liberally has their appeal for support been responded to, that they anticipate the completion of the outer portion of the building before the winter sets in. The Congregation have secured a permanent Pastor in the Revd. G. D. Ferguson, whose zeal, piety and Christian liberality have secured him the respect and confidence of all parties.

This day will be deposited in the corner-stone of the Church several coins of the Realm, with the usual documentary notices of the Church and a copy of the *Three Rivers Inquirer* printed on White Satin. It gives us sincere pleasure to wish our fellow-Christians God-speed.

THE CHURCH IN THE LOWER PROVINCES.

Synod of the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia.

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IN our last number we had just time and space to announce that the Synod had met. We now proceed to lay before our readers a full account of the business transacted.

Tuesday, July 3rd, 1855.

MODERATOR'S ADDRESS.

The Rev. John Martin, of St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, having been duly elected Moderator for the ensuing year, took the Chair and said:

BRETHREN.—Eighteen years since I occupied this Chair. I feel deeply indebted for the honour you have again conferred upon me, and I trust that your deliberations and proceedings will be conducted with the greatest harmony and unanimity. It is necessary that you express your views clearly and distinctly, and I believe several subjects will be submitted to you, requiring much deliberation, owing to the fact that this is only the second meeting of this Court since its revival. For 10 long years there were only 3 members of this Court, ministers in this Province. I trust we shall never have to pass through the same toils. Blessed be God we were enabled in His strength to keep together, and it is a great source of con-

solation to me to see so many beloved brethren now assembled together in a regular Church-Court for conducting our deliberations in the fear of God and for the good of His Church. We have a great interest committed to our care. Thousands are looking to us for assistance. It will depend much upon us and our deliberations whether our Church, perhaps for years to come, shall be prosperous and flourishing, or fading and decaying. I trust, therefore, we shall have that wisdom which cometh from Above, which is profitable to assist and direct us in all our proceedings. I have confidence that you are now determined to consult with diligence and propriety for the good of the whole Church.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

After a unanimous vote of thanks given to the Ex-Moderator, Rev. A. MacGillivray, for his conduct in the Chair and for the excellent and suitable sermon delivered by him at the opening of the Synod, and an appropriate acknowledgement of the same, the Minutes of last year's meeting were read and sustained and ordered to be taken up seriatim the first business at next sederunt.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SYNOD OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The Clerk, the Rev. W. Snodgrass, intimated that he had just received from the Rev. P. MacGregor, Clerk of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of N. S., a very important communication, and asked the permission of the Moderator to read it. Leave was granted and, the communication being read, it appeared from its contents that a Deputation had been appointed by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of N. S. to wait upon this Court and convey their desire to establish confidence between the two Synods, and also the Synod of the Free Church now assembled in this city, and to secure and promote harmony of feeling and action. An accompanying letter, signed by the Rev. P. MacGregor, as Clerk of that Synod, was also read, in which it was solicited that the Deputation might have an interview with this Synod, and requested that an hour of this evening might be named for the interview to take place, as there was reason to conclude that the business of the other Synod would be brought to a close before to-morrow. This communication was received with much satisfaction by the Court, and having reason to suppose that the hour of 7½ would suit the convenience of the Deputation, that hour was named and the Clerk ordered to despatch without delay a message to that effect.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Overtures was appointed to meet this evening in this place. The Committee on Bills &c. was appointed to meet at the same time and in the same place.

A Committee was appointed to revise Presbyterian Records and instructed to meet to-morrow between the first and second diets of Synod.

Messrs. McGillivray and Herdman were appointed to conduct Devotional Exercises to-morrow morning immediately after the calling of the Roll.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Presbyteries asked leave to meet, which was granted.

The Synod thereafter adjourned to meet at 6 P. M., of which public intimation was made, and this sederunt closed with prayer.

Evening Sederunt.

The Synod met and was constituted. The Minutes of last sederunt were read, corrected and sustained.

The Minutes of last year's meeting were taken up seriatim. The Clerk and Ex-Moderator reported their fulfilment of various instructions entrusted to them.

The Committee, appointed to confer with other Presbyterian denominations with a view to the establishment of a United Collegiate Institution, had nothing to report, the Convener stating that no favourable occasion had arisen to hold a meeting.