

then, if students are not aided, will be, in many cases, unnecessary delay in reaching the work of the ministry; and not a few, whom we might hope to enlist, will be altogether deterred from entering upon study. We require, therefore, *Bursaries or Exhibitions for students, as also a Fund from which cases of necessity may be met as they arise.*

The propriety and importance of giving such aid to students (not to speak of the effect of scholarships in stimulating to higher attainments) is recognized by all, or nearly all, the Presbyterian churches. Our own church has done somewhat here; but not nearly as much as is needed, and far less than has been done by the leading Presbyterian communities. We are not, indeed, in proportion to our numbers and wealth, doing what was done by the churches constituting the Canada Presbyterian church, years before the union.

We will not believe that our people are unwilling to respond to any call which may be made upon them with this end in view. There have been seen among us instances of generous liberality in the establishment of Scholarships and Bursaries which assure us of the interest which, at least some among us take in the training of our ministry, and which, we earnestly hope, may "provoke" many others. Especially should the wealthier members of our churches consider the good which they might do by contributing for this purpose. To help in bringing forward to the ministry those who by their faithful labours may be instrumental in saving many souls—this may be the highest honour which God shall ever put it in the power of some of His children to whom He has entrusted riches, to attain. We shall not, in the mean time, argue this point at greater length, but content ourselves with recommending it to the serious attention of the churches; and may He who has given us all we have, and whose stewards we are, put it into the hearts of those who can best respond to this appeal, to do so cordially and promptly.

And let all who love the Saviour and believe in the ordinance of the christian ministry as a principal means of spreading abroad the knowledge of His name and securing the triumph of His kingdom, aim at doing their duty in regard to this most important matter: let them labour and pray that there may not be wanting men, who, by true consecration to God, and by the necessary discipline of study, shall be found well qualified to "preach the unsearchable riches of Christ;" and to "feed the church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood."

Missionary Intelligence.

LETTER FROM REV. J. NISBET.

FOR SABBATH SCHOOL CHILDREN.

The subjoined letter was recently received by the Hon. J. McMurrich, for the children of the West Church Sabbath School. As many Sabbath Schools are interested in the Mission, and contribute to the funds, we have pleasure in publishing Mr. Nisbet's letter.

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

You will no doubt be glad to hear from me, from this far away place in the great North-West that you hear so much about. Since I last wrote to you I have travelled many a mile, and have seen many things that would be very strange to you.