

TAKING appointments during the session is not considered an unmixed good by college students. The remuneration seldom repays the loss of time and energy. We admit that four dollars and expenses is as large a sum as can be expected from weak mission fields. But it is a disgrace for congregations offering a minister from one to two thousand [dollars, to pay no more for student supply than is paid by the weakest mission field in the Church. We know of several strong vacant congregations and more than one settled charge, able to pay their pastors fifteen hundred dollars a year, who are in the habit of writing for the "very best preacher in the College," theirs "being an important charge," and who, after "the very best preacher in the College" has preached two of his very best sermons and taught a Bible class—to say nothing of losing three days—do not pay as much for his "excellent services" as is paid by more than half the struggling fields supplied by students during the winter.

THE business management of a college paper is somewhat interesting. The treasurer of the MONTHLY frequently complains of the carelessness of subscribers. One Toronto subscriber sent in his name, but neglected to send his subscription. Another, from Montreal, sent his subscription registered, but did not sign his name, and the treasurer is anxious to know to whom he may credit the sixty cents. A few, who do not wish to become subscribers, return the copies sent them, after removing every mark by which they can be identified; and some few neither forward their subscriptions, return the MONTHLY, nor notify the treasurer that they do not desire to become subscribers. Another interesting fact is brought to light. It is not always the man whose name appears oftenest in large capitals in the Church papers, and who talks most about "college days," "old Knox," and "the new professor," who has the most real sympathy and real assistance for the enterprises of his "Alma Mater."

EXCHANGES.—It is gratifying to notice the general improvement made by the journals on our exchange list. Still it is wearisome to read the October and November numbers of too many of our college exchanges, marred as they are by verdant jokes at the expense of freshmen. The imbecile wit and self-laudation indulged in by some is scarcely a credit to college journalism. The *'Varsity* this year is better than ever. It is by far the most ably conducted college paper on our list. The *Presbyterian College Journal*, Montreal, has re-appeared and is much improved. The articles in the two numbers received are very good, especially the one on "Christianity and Culture." We welcome the *Journal*, and wish for it the success it deserves. The *Portfolio* comes to us from the Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton. It is one of the neatest of our exchanges and reflects credit on the staff. We have also received, among others, the *Educational Weekly*, *Dalhousie Gazette*, *Acta Victoriana* and *Queen's College Journal*.