

sanguine friends. Its success is without a parallel in the history of the denomination; and it indicates the arrival of a period, when great enterprises may be entered upon, without apprehension of a disastrous failure. It shows a gleam of sunshine on the future, as well as upon the past. 'All things are possible to him that believeth.'

"The liberality has not been altogether confined to the United Church. In a few instances, subscriptions have been spontaneously made by persons who did not belong to the communion. Among the subscribers of the Free and Established Churches, Baptists, Congregationalists, and Episcopalians, these donations do not perhaps exceed £200; but the fact deserves honorable mention, as an expression of Christian sympathy with this movement.

"The amount subscribed from all sources is £17,044 8s. 2d.; of which, 432 ministers have contributed £2,057 11s. In addition to this, £126 5s. has been subscribed in the form of annual donations.

"It is not to be supposed however, that the resources of the Church are yet exhausted. The opposite is the case. No more than 257 congregations have contributed in their collective capacity. A majority of the congregations have up to this date made no combined effort, though in some of them personal subscriptions have been obtained to a considerable amount. This delay has been occasioned by local and temporary causes, such as the liquidation or extinction of debt, the erection of a new place of worship, or the formation of some missionary or benevolent agency, which demanded priority of effort. And as a number of the congregations still unreported occupy a prominent position for size, wealth, and Christian activity, it is surely reasonable to conclude that a large increase will be realized in the course of the next six months. It is not, indeed, expected that the capital fund will this year reach £30,000, which is probably the lowest sum required to place this scheme upon such a basis as will supersede the necessity of further appeals. But it may reach this amount in a very short time."

We must not dismiss this subject without referring to the munificent gift of the late revered Rev. Dr. Brown of Edinburgh, when his jubilee was celebrated in Tanfield Hall, on the 8th of April, 1856. His congregation then and there presented him with a splendid donation of £610. This sum with £50 more from himself, making £660, he handed over to the Cashier of the Commercial Bank, for the aged ministers' relief fund, in reference to which most generous and noble action, it was well remarked in the Missionary Record, that—"No appropriation of the money could have been more graceful or becoming. It was a touching sight to behold the venerable servant of the Lord, who as a popular preacher, a faithful pastor, an accomplished professor, and a learned and successful author, has been spared to enter on the fifty-first year of his ministry, and whom the Lord has placed in circumstances that did not call for the personal use of the gift, with his white locks, and with a countenance beaming