

recent work of the kind \$66), the reports of the Palestine Exploration Fund (\$120), Bingham's Christian Antiquities, etc. (\$16), Lange's Commentary (new edition, 25 vols. \$75), Meyer's Commentary on the New Testament (20 vols. \$35), Godet's Commentaries (\$15), the Speaker's Commentary (\$30), Lightfoot's Works on Paul and the Apostolic Fathers (\$17), some of the more recent critical Greek Testaments, Tischendorf, Tregelles (\$18), Westcott and Hort (\$6). Of those mentioned above the Bampton Lectures (108 vols.) would cost about \$160, the Mishna \$45, the Sacred Books of the East (1st series 24 vols.) \$70. Walton's great Polyglott, the worthy companion of the Complutensian, might be had for \$100. These sums taken separately are really not very large, but for the most part they are beyond the reach of students, and for that very reason should be in the Library. It would be easy to extend the list of less costly works, but these are more accessible otherwise, and there should be a regular fund large enough to provide for them as they are needed. The above may suffice for the present as a statement of the more important gaps that need to be supplied in order to make the Library worthy of the institution. Who will provide them?

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### PRIZES.

MR. EDITOR,

DEAR SIR,—In the November issue of the PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE JOURNAL, there appeared an article, so sweeping in its condemnation of prizes, that it would be no wonder if, moved by the awful evils of prizes therein portrayed, the various gold and silver medallists of the College should immediately send in their medals to the editorial committee of the COLLEGE JOURNAL to be melted down and sold, and that all the winners of scholarships and prizes in the years gone by should remit the amounts of their hard earned rewards to form a common fund, to be equally divided amongst all the graduates of the College since its foundation. Deep must be the anguish of the Principal and the Professors and also the donors of Scholarships to know and feel that they have been the cause of so many evils. But feeling keenly the seriousness of the charges put forward, I venture to put in a plea in favor of prizes, and thus defend the professors and donors from the charge of abetting so deadly an evil. Would that a pen more eloquent than mine might take up the defence of the much injured system of prize-giving.

It seems very plain that your writer in last month's issue has fallen into a great many mistakes. He took his stand at one particular point in the discussion of this subject, when he saw only evil and nothing good. He reminds us of the minister who went to New York to see the city, but in reality to