

The Church-door Collections and Several Donations to the General Fund amount to	L3,215	13	3
The Provincial Subscriptions are	37,013	14	4
The Subscriptions to particular Churches are	20,093	14	8

Total Subscriptions, &c., during the year,	L61,223	2	3
Amount reported to former Assemblies,	239,164	15	11

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The sums reported as subscribed in the various provinces, up to the meeting of last Assembly, are as follows —

1. Lanarkshire, including the city of Glasgow, has subscribed £761 for each of twenty churches;

2. Bute, Arran, Renfrew, Ayr, Wigton, Kirkcudbright, have subscribed £730;

3. Fife, the Lothians, Peebles, Dumfries, and the South-eastern Counties, have subscribed £1819;

4. The Midland Synods of Perth and Stirling, Angus and Mearns, with the Presbytery of Dumbarton, have subscribed £531;

5. Aberdeen, Banff, and the Northern Counties, have subscribed £683 for each of twenty churches.

"It appears from this, that the average amount of Subscriptions already procured for each of twenty chapels in the several groups—excluding Group III.—is upwards of one-third of the total sum required; while little more than a chapel rate of £200, or a gross subscription of £4000, is now wanted, to make up the full complement of £5000 for each on twenty chapels in Group III., and to cover the necessarily heavy outlays attending the prosecution of the Subscription."

We would earnestly urge on our brethren in the various presbyteries of the Church, the great advantages, and the great saving (in the way of time, trouble, and expense to the Committee), which they may aid in securing, by joining the movement and sending in the account of their success, as early as possible.

Were all equally zealous, the results would surpass expectation. But, even where equal zeal and self-denial cannot be reasonably expected in all, we do depend on that honest sense of individual duty and responsibility which marks the parish ministers of the Church of Scotland, more than any class of men or of ministers in the world; and we are persuaded that by their efforts in their various parishes, they will not fail to second the efforts of the Endowment Committee and of their most laborious and unwearied Convener.

REPORT ON POPEY

The Rev. W. Robertson read the annual report of the committee on Popery. It commenced by stating that it was to be feared that the committee's estimate of the vast importance of the work entrusted to them was not universally entertained throughout the Church, and that many had adopted John Bunyan's idea of Popery as an infirm and disabled giant, instead of looking on its violent and active persecutions on the Continent, and its notorious encroachments and aggressions in this country.

The Moderator's excellent concluding address, which ought to be perused with the deepest attention, as it contains most important information, will appear at length in our next.

CHURCH IN THE COLONIES.

Presbytery of Bathurst

The Presbytery met in Perth on Wednesday, the 13th May. There were present David Evans, Alexander Mann, William Bain, Solomon Mylne, William McIntosh, and Duncan Morrison, Ministers; Judge John G. Malloch, and James Gardner, Elders.

The Presbytery had under their consideration the Interim Act anent retired Ministers. Mr. BAIN thought the language inconsistent and contradictory, inasmuch as the Act provided that the retired Minister should have the right of discharging all duties for which he is competent, and yet the duties of the junior Minister were not to be interfered with.

Mr. MORRISON feared that difficulties might arise in the working out of the Act in its present shape. In the first place, who was to be the judge of the competency of the retired Minister to any particular duty? Himself, or the junior Minister, or the Session, or the Congregation, or all? Then, supposing this point settled, and the right of judging as to the competency of the retired minister lodged in some body, was it not plain that, if he were permitted to discharge any duty whatever contrary to the views of the junior Minister who had to deal more closely with the people, unpleasant things might arise so as greatly to interfere with the peace and prosperity of the congregation? He might baptize children to unworthy parents; he might obtrude his services on sacramental occasions; he might do much to embarrass the Session; to weaken the hands of his successor, and injure the congregation.

Mr. MANN would like to look at the other side of the question. He could easily understand that the services of an aged and retired Minister would still be highly relished by those to whom he had ministered in his younger years, and he would deem it a misfortune if an Act should be passed in our Synod that would deprive congregations of such a privilege. He thought, upon the whole, that, if it were provided that the retired Minister might do duty with the approbation of the junior Minister, and only with his approbation, no difficulty could arise such as had been referred to, and that all the advantages contemplated in the Interim Act would be secured.

Mr. Mann's views were adopted.

The Presbytery had also under their consideration the injunctions of the Synod relative to the Widows' Fund, the College Building Fund, and Church Property, respecting which matters the following minute was adopted:

"The Presbytery enjoined Members who have not already complied with the instructions of the Committee on Church Property, and also those who have not collected for the Widows' Fund, or contributed towards the payment of the College Buildings, as directed by the Synod, to do so before the meeting of Synod, and appointed Mr. Morrison to write absent members to this effect."

A petition on behalf of Sabbath Observance addressed to the different branches of the Legislature, was also adopted.

The rest of the business was chiefly of a routine character.

University of Queen's College.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF TRUSTEES.

We understand that the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of this valuable Institution was

held at Kingston immediately after the rising of Synod.

Among other important matters which we learn, occupied the attention of the Trustees, was the appointment of a Principal, which in the opinion of those present could not be longer delayed. Instructions were given to correspond with influential parties in the Church at Home, and to lay the results of such correspondence before an adjourned meeting on the 5th of August. We have great hopes that an appointment will then be made, of which there is little doubt, if a suitable person can be found for this responsible office.

Applications from seven candidates for the vacant chair of Hebrew, Biblical Criticism and Church History were, we understand, laid before the meeting, together with testimonials in support of each. On consideration of the difficulty which would attend a selection without previous knowledge of the testimonials, it was however resolved that the better course would be to have them printed and placed in the hands of the Trustees without delay, and that the appointment should be delayed until the adjourned meeting in August.

We have always cordially advocated the claims of this Institution, and we believe that the Church lies under deep obligations to the Professors of Queen's College. Their eminent talents, and unwearied assiduity in the discharge of their duties, amongst the most laborious which can fall to the lot of any one, entitle them to our gratitude and respect.

We trust that the time is not far distant when our Canadian Theological Hall will be filled by a fuller staff of Professors. It is true that an education most complete and thorough in its character is now given in Queen's College, but this is done by dint of exertions which no one should be called on to make. There is a point beyond which mind cannot be strained without a violation of natural laws, and will the Church permit her School of the Prophets to remain in such a position?

Are there none among our wealthy laymen who will follow the example so lately exhibited in this City, when the exertions of those connected with McGill College have been crowned with success in the raising of £14,000? The endowment of a chair or of the Principality in Queen's College, either in whole or in part, would confer a benefit upon our Church and upon Canada not to be overestimated. For such a purpose £5000 would be an ample sum, and, if this were contributed in one amount, either by donations or legacies, or spread over a term of yearly subscriptions, the chair would, we feel assured, receive the name of the founder, if he should so desire it. Subdivided the same amount could be raised by

10 contributions of	£500
20 "	250
40 "	125
100 "	50

If one of those lists were opened, many contributors might be induced to follow, who will respond to this appeal? We are glad to see that the Trustees are now taking a step in advance which our readers should welcome as an earnest of what can be done, if our College meets with that support from the Church to which it is entitled. We earnestly trust that the expectations of support which the Trustees have been led to entertain will not be disappointed.

The College must be kept up on an efficient footing and liberally sustained. It has the strongest claims upon our support. Shall it be withheld? We trust not.