

Let the relative position of this important scheme, amongst the other enterprises of the Synod, be now considered for a moment. Setting aside mere abstract views of their comparative importance, it would appear natural to apportion our contributions among them in proportion to the amounts necessary to maintain them in their existing condition. Our Foreign Missions require, say £1000 per annum. Our Home Missions require £500. Our Colleges require £700 for this year. It would appear, then, that for every ten shillings contributed for Foreign Missions there should be five shillings for Home Missions and seven shillings for our Educational Institutions. Of course no authoritative rule can be laid down on such a subject; but a calculation of this kind may be of service to those who feel the need of some simple and definite principle to guide them in apportioning their gifts to the Treasury.

An average contribution of £8 or £9 per congregation, all over the Church, would meet all the necessities, even of this year of unusually large expenditure on the part of the Board. Some congregations cannot and will not give so much; but the stronger and wealthier congregations might easily make up the deficiency by giving more.

Detailed information respecting the present condition of our Educational Institutions, and the work performed by them during last Session, will be found in the annual report of the Board, which is published in this number of the *Record*.

The requirements of our Educational enterprise are now before the Church. The means are in the hands of our people. Surely the willing mind will not be wanting. The prosperity of the Church, and its permanence as an institution for the future as well as for the present, for our children as well as for ourselves, are intimately connected with the cause we now plead. The liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand.

In name and by authority of the Board of Superintendence.

WILLIAM McCULLOCH, *Convener*.  
EBENEZER ROSS, *Secretary*.

#### THEOLOGICAL HALL.

The next Session of the Theological Hall will be opened with a lecture by the Rev. Professor King, on Monday the 3rd November, in Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Students are earnestly requested to come forward, if possible, at the opening of the Session, that there may be no delay in forming the classes.

#### ACT REGARDING THE PROPERTY OF THE CONGREGATIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

We give below a copy of the act passed at the last session of the Legislature, regarding the property of the bodies now united to form the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, and now design a few explanations.—Previous to the union, some of the most eminent legal authorities in the Province were consulted by the joint committees on union, regarding the effect of such a step upon the property held by either body. The committee were informed, that any danger might be easily remedied by a short act of the Legislature, confirming the titles of our congregations in their united state to the property which they held in their separate connexions. Such an