

Journal we learn that the subscriptions for this year from Divinity and Arts' students amount to \$502; this, with \$120 from Medical students, makes in all from the students \$622. Only twenty-five of the alumni responded to the circular addressed to them by the Association's Committee. Their subscriptions amount to \$175. Other friends have given subscriptions to the amount of \$115. In addition to this they have received from congregations, Sabbath schools, mission bands, etc., \$417.74. The larger number of the above subscriptions have been paid so that the Association has now in the bank to the credit of the Foreign Mission Fund \$1,022. We rejoice at the financial success which has crowned the efforts of the Association. The students have done admirably; but we are disappointed in the graduates. From such a long list of graduates, many of whom are leading professional men, better things might surely have been expected. We venture, from our own experience, to say, that the majority of those who contributed, are ministers receiving the minimum salary. However, the financial basis of the scheme seems secure.

THE Probationers' Scheme is again up for discussion. A report of grievances appears weekly in the church papers. Although we are not called upon to give our opinion on this vexed question we are interested in it for our brethren's sake. This year's graduates are, many of them, seriously debating the results of a run against this ecclesiastical snag. The present scheme is confessedly a failure all round. Probationers say it is worse than a failure. But Probationers may be hard to satisfy: some of them are. Some of them are a little envious of students. The one boy who fails to catch on to the rear platform of a street-car always yells "cut behind!" But the probationer's lot is surely an unpleasant one. No scheme ever relieved him. We would suggest—we do not know that it has been suggested before—that a great convention of probationers be held, to be presided over by the one longest on the list; that the whole matter be thoroughly discussed, all grievances stated, and a scheme—if they would agree on one—be formulated and submitted to the General Assembly. We do not suppose such a scheme would be perfect; but what scheme is perfect? It could not easily be a more lamentable failure than some of those that have been tried.