

such a man, he might spend the summer in these districts, or devote part of his labours to other destitute places. With regard to pecuniary support, it is my *opinion* that the districts mentioned could pay at least \$40.00 (forty dollars) for the six months; but this will depend upon the state of the crops and fisheries. No doubt this sum is small, but then it must be remembered that the country has not recovered from the distress of last year—distress which was greater than most people have any conception of. I would therefore respectfully urge the Presbytery to take the matter into their earnest consideration. Other churches employ such Lay Missionaries with beneficial results.

From one cause and another, our church at River Inhabitants is not quite finished yet, but is likely to be so very soon. At West Bay our old church, built thirty or forty years ago, is under contract for repair. A tower is to be added, and the whole is expected to be finished in August or September. We are not without hopes, also, that the church at the Strait, destroyed by fire some time ago, will soon be replaced by a new one.

Respectfully submitted by

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QUEEN'S COLLEGE ENDOWMENT.

The following is an extract of a letter received on the 27th February, and might almost have appeared in last *Record*. It relates to an interesting topic, and comes from the pen of a good authority—Principal Snodgrass:—

A. P.

GALT, FEBRUARY 22, 1869.

My Dear Brother,—The endowment of Queen's College is meeting with marvelous success. Providence has been singularly kind. I have never been connected with any movement, in the course of which so many clear evidences indicative of the path of duty have presented themselves to cheer and encourage. As soon as it was found that Kingston was prepared to do its duty by becoming good for \$25,000, Prof. Mackenas and I resolved to take the field and undertake the work of advocating the scheme and canvassing for subscriptions. Our route was—Ottawa, Toronto, Scarborough, Vaughan, Guelph and Galt—two cities, two township or country congregations, then two towns. The first five of the places mentioned along with Kingston will contribute \$45,000. Guelph gives over \$1500. Ottawa will be good for \$8000, and Toronto for as much. Mr. Gordon was most enthusiastic and did us good service. Subscriptions in general range from \$1 to \$1000. One gentleman in Kingston, an Episcopalian, will be good for \$7000, and another, a Free Churchman, for \$1,300. A Roman Catholic handed in a check the other day for \$100, and a Congregationalist, without being asked, subscribed \$1000. Sir John A. Macdonald subscribed \$500, and Mr. George Brown is expected to give something. The Rev. Mr. Muir, in whose house I am now writing, shews his interest by subscribing \$100. Mr. Gordon, of Ottawa, gives \$500, Mr. Macdonnell of Peterborough, \$500, Mr. Inglis of Kingston, \$1000, &c. Yours, ever, &c.

A LETTER, BY A CANDIDATE.

MY DEAR SIR:

In the last *Record* Mr. J. R. T. suggested a cheaper plan by which students could receive their theological course. I, for one, think his method neither prudent nor profitable, and will endeavour to show it.

His grand method is to have two regularly appointed ministers, who would take charge of the Kirk students while prosecuting the first two years of their course. It is well to mention here, that among the second, third and fourth