

hand, and see it attended to, and that he will be earnestly seconded by his people.

The success attending Dr. Lillie's recent tour, makes it very evident that the College, like the Missionary Society, needs to be *personally represented* before the churches, in order to awaken their full sympathy and secure practical help. If our Home Mission depended on the voluntary action of churches and ministers, and appealed to them only in print, we dare to say that it would not receive one-half its present income! The winter deputations, going to every congregation, year by year, are the very life of the Society. They involve much labour, some hardship; but they are a necessary of life to the cause, and the labour is amply repaid, not only by the pecuniary results, but by the benefit the churches receive in their enlarged knowledge of the field and the work, their indoctrination with missionary principles, and their personal sympathy with the missionary churches and pastors. The College needs a similar representation, so far as possible; and all the more, as the nature of its work removes it from popular observation. We would respectfully urge this matter upon the Lords of the Treasury; but at the same time, we would earnestly deprecate waiting for a visit by any church; or holding itself excused from contributing, if no such visit be paid. That would be a monstrous perversion of our meaning.

Our theological seminary stands almost alone, among similar institutions, in possessing no endowment. In Britain or in America there is scarce another, of any importance, that has not some permanent fund. In the United States, it is for this purpose that the churches, or the most liberal and enlightened members of them, are appealed to, for large sums, which are invested, and the interest only applied to annual expenditure. Only as a temporary expedient, to tide over some "present distress," is an appeal made directly for the annual expenses of a College. In Britain, most of the Congregational institutions have partial endowments, supplemented by annual subscriptions, which are often very hard to get. But with us,—having no building even, and no endowment,—the whole charge has to be met by the Colonial Society's annual grants, and the Canadian churches. The result is, that the cost of maintaining the College *appears* considerable, and that funds are often wanting. But those who indulge in computations of the cost per head of every student—if they had *all* the facts before them relative to other institutions, and reckoned the interest of the sums invested in buildings, libraries, &c., and the proceeds of permanent funds—would find that the Congregational College of British North America took a high rank in the matter of economy.

In the items of expenditure given in our last (p. 170), there is but one on which any reduction is possible. There is but one salary paid, and that is lower than is given to the recipient's peers in similar institutions. All the