

congregations generally bestir themselves far more than they have hitherto done in its behalf. It is earnestly trusted, therefore, that the attention of Presbyteries will be very seriously directed to this matter, and that the amount of the approaching collections for the Bursary Fund will be at least double the small sum received last year. Special donations from individuals, and subscriptions from congregations, are also earnestly solicited to be forwarded without delay to the Bursary Committee, by whom they will be thankfully received, and carefully applied to meet the urgent necessities of the case. Collections and subscriptions may be forwarded to the Rev. Dr. Williamson, Convener, or John Paton, Esq., Treasurer of the Committee, by whom they will be duly acknowledged.



MINISTERS and Sessions are often placed at great disadvantage in collecting for the Schemes of the Church. They do not possess the *current* information which it is desirable to lay before the people, and to satisfy the enquiries of those who are anxious to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the working of the different Schemes. It is true that a very full report is annually presented to the Synod by the various conveners, and that these reports may be found attached to the minutes of each year. We know how much sacrifice of ease and comfort is involved in the labours of the committees, and how little credit, generally speaking, they have for their pains. We are perfectly aware also that it is, too often, the practice simply to announce, that a collection is to be made on a certain day for a certain object, without much, or any, pains being taken to lay before the people the information which is contained in the reports. And, therefore, do we think it all the more desirable that our pages should, from time to time throughout the year, contain short statements and interesting details from the conveners or members of the committees of our Church Schemes, as to the encouragements or discouragements they meet with. The office-bearers of our congregations could not then plead ignorance as to where they could find something to say of the schemes, and the adherents of our Church would be stirred up to take a livelier interest in them. The tendency, if not

the effect, of this would be to increase the contributions, to infuse a spirit of liberality into our people, to encourage the hearts and strengthen the hands of those upon whom the Church has devolved the task of carrying into effect the resolutions of the Synod. We are convinced that were some such means as we have suggested adopted, one great step in advance would be made towards uniting all our congregations in the feeling that they were striving for the general good, and this of itself, were there no other end served, would be to our advantage as a church.

On our cover will be found a list of donations to the Museum of the Faculty of Arts at Queen's College. We learn that the Medical Museum has also been enriched by a large accession of interesting specimens, details of which we have not yet received. The value of good museums in connection with educational institutions can hardly be overrated, and we therefore commend the subject to the consideration of those who have means or opportunities of helping. A very munificent gift has lately been made to the Library, besides many other valuable contributions from various friends, as will be seen by referring to acknowledgment in University Intelligence. The report of Kingston Observatory, by Professor Williamson, under the same head, will be read with gratification by all our readers who have a turn for science, or, if not so disposed, who have an interest in the progress of provincial institutions. They will also see that additions and improvements of great importance to the public utility of the Observatory are contemplated: and it will afford us the greatest pleasure if these lines, catching the eye of any one who has the will and the ability, become the means of bringing out the whole or part of the needed pecuniary assistance.

We would again respectfully remind our correspondents that it is most desirable that all communications should be with us by the 15th of each month. Long articles should be in our hands as early as possible in the month, as we are anxious to forward proofs to the authors, so as to ensure the utmost possible correctness. It is most desirable that proofs of important articles should be sent back at once. A few of our correspondents have neglected to return them at all. All news items should be condensed; our space is limited.