

Will not many of the Lord's stewards who have from *five cents to fifty dollars* to spare for their Master, send it into the Foreign Mission Treasury within the next fortnight. Let all who have not given to the Scheme during the year send a contribution. Many who have given something can easily add to it a little more, and the many littles will do the work and bring to the giver a blessing. Let us hear what God says:

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouses and prove me now herewith saith the Lord, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing."

Will each one who reads this ask himself the question, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do," and then do conscientiously what seems to be right in the matter.

We have his own example,

"I gave MYSELF for thee.
What hast thou done for ME."

AUGMENTATION.

Those interested in the Augmentation Scheme will be glad to learn that contributions are coming in quite freely for the Supplementing Fund. Collections have been forwarded by 140 congregations, to the amount of about \$8000, during the past eleven months, of which sum \$2600 from 60 congregation, were received by the Treasurer during the month of March. As there are 40 congregations still to be heard from there would be no difficulty in attaining complete success this year again if only each of these congregations would contribute the amount for which it has been asked. It is extremely desirable that there should be no non contributing congregations this year. Let each congregation therefore which has not already done so send its collection to the Treasurer immediately.

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We have received "The Knox Church Messenger," a small but neat paper published for the members of his congregation in Calgary, by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Herdman. May he be successful in helping to mould aright the great North-West.

Good actions give strength to ourselves, and inspire good actions in others. — *Smiles.*

Our columns this month contain an obituary notice of another of the alumni of the old Pictou Collegiate Institution. It is singular that within a period of about three months no less than six of them have passed away. Rev. A. Blaikie, D. D., late of Boston; Rev. John I. Baxter, Rev. P. G. McGregor, D. D., of Halifax; Charles Robson, of Halifax; Dr. David Gordon, of Edinburgh, and now Dr. Ross. The survivors of those who studied at the institution at that time, when Dr. Thomas McCulloch was Principal, are now becoming a small band. We have obtained the names of the following: D. W. McCulloch, ex-collector of Customs, Pictou; Revs. William McCulloch, D. D., Truro; William Fraser, D. D., Clerk of the General Assembly; George Christie, and John Cameron; Sir William Ritchie, Chief Justice of the Canada Supreme Court; Sir Adams G. Archibald, Sir Hugh W. Hoyles, Ex-chief Justice of Newfoundland; Judge Blanchard, of Kentville; Judge Young, of Charlottetown; Judge Fogo, of Pictou; Edward Blanchard, Jonathan Blanchard, John McKinlay, James W. Carmichael, and Sir William Dawson, besides a number of others, such as Dr. Patterson, who had a part of their course at it. Among those who studied at the Institution at that period, six afterwards received the title of D.D., and five the honor of knighthood.

That vast region of Central Africa known as "The Congo Free State," is likely to be opened up to civilization, commerce, and Christianity, by a railroad past the rapids of the Congo, connecting the ocean with the navigable waters above Stanley Pool. To shew the extent of country that will thus be reached, there are in the various tributaries of the Congo above Stanley Pool, 7000 miles of navigable water. The capitalists interested in the construction of the work have placed it in the charge of Henry M. Stanley, who has done so much towards opening up this dark continent to the World.

In the same region the American Baptists are going forward with great energy in their missionary work.

John Bunyan was once asked a question about heaven which he could not answer, because the matter was not revealed in Scripture, and he thereupon advised the inquirer to live a holy life, and go and see.