

not rather the wonder, that so many have remained, and have we not cause for thankfulness, that so many able, earnest men are found labouring to obey the divine command, "feed my lambs"? There was every temptation to induce a Minister to return to Scotland. Here he, perhaps with a heart wrung with sorrow, saw many, whom he had cared for and watched over with the affectionate yearnings of his heart, leaving his ministrations and forsaking the Church of his and their fathers. Here, he toiled on with a scanty income, unable to give his children those advantages he would have wished. There, he would be welcomed with gladness, received with eagerness, favoured with the presence of friends and relatives to cheer him on, in the performance of the high duties of his ministry, and placed in a position of comparative comfort. What wonder, then, that many obeyed the impulse of that feeling, which gives to the rude lay, so deep a charm over the heart of the hardy mountaineer, or causes the tear to start unbidden from the eye, as thoughts of home and all its fond and endearing associations pass through the mind? We wonder not then, that we experience difficulty in obtaining Pastors, or that the inadequacy of the pittance doled out to many, should drive them from our shores, but we see in all this, additional incentives to urge us on to the work of building up a native ministry, and providing for them adequate means of support. And of this work, we fervently believe, Queen's College will yet be found, as it has already to some extent been, a most efficient promoter. We are confident, that many young men of powerful minds, brilliant talents, and above all, earnest piety, will be found willing to devote themselves to the Sanctuary, and give themselves to the work of the ministry. In the bounds of every Presbytery, some such could be found, who now are prevented by want of means from prosecuting their studies.—To search out and take by the hand such young men—to give them, if they do not already possess it, acquaintance with the simpler rudiments of education, to fit them for entering college and to support them while there, should become the especial care of every Presbytery and of all who feel an interest in the welfare of our Zion. A commencement towards this good work, has already been made. Several bursaries have been in existence for some time, and two years ago Hugh Allan, Esq. of this city, liberally funded £100, the interest of which, is to be appropriated as a bursary to some deserving young man.

Subsequently, in the fall of last year, the Lay Association, under whose auspices this publication issues, established three bursaries of £10 per annum each, for the encouragement and support of aspirants to the ministry.

As a gratifying proof of the interest felt regarding the Institution by the

friends of education and religion in Scotland—we may also mention, that we have been informed, that the Students' Missionary Association of the University of Edinburgh, have transmitted to the authorities of Queen's College, the sum of £18 currency, as a donation to be appropriated to bursaries.

This subject has also recently engaged the attention of the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, who, as would be seen by the notice of the proceedings of the Commission of Synod, in our last number, had intimated their willingness "to endow bursaries for the benefit of Divinity students, whenever the example of the endowment of such bursaries should be set by individuals and Presbyteries." From all these sources, we may expect that assistance will be afforded to a considerable number of young men, but some general and comprehensive effort should be made. We would suggest as an efficient and practical mode of attaining this desirable object, that every congregation in the Province should have an *annual collection for the Bursary Scheme* of the Lay Association; every congregation contributing to the fund having the right of recommendation to bursaries. More good might result from having one good fund established, than from isolated efforts, but if any congregations are averse to entering into the scheme, they might erect their own bursary, selecting a proper recipient of its aid.

Since writing the foregoing, we have been favoured with a communication from a valued correspondent, which suggests a plan for affording encouragement to young men desirous of studying for the ministry, and to which we direct the attention of our readers. As, however, it would be some time before the scheme proposed could be carried into effect, if it met with the approval of those more immediately concerned, we would suggest, that *an agency is now in existence*, and much good might be accomplished, if those who feel interested in the matter, would contribute to the Bursary Fund of the Lay Association, and press its claims upon those, with whom they may come in contact.

But whatever be the mode selected, we fervently trust that something will be speedily done, and we earnestly commend this important subject to the careful and prayerful consideration of our readers.

#### REPORT OF THE REV. E. LAPELLETRE, OF HIS TOUR AMONG THE FRENCH CANADIANS INHABITING THE BORDERS OF LAKE CHAMPLAIN.

In conformity with the instructions of the Presbytery of Montreal, I have visited the French Canadians inhabiting the borders of Lake Champlain. I have become acquainted in some measure, with their religious destitution; and have en-

deavoured to make some arrangements for affording them religious instruction. Perhaps the best mode of giving to the French Mission Committee, a statement of what has been done, will be to submit my communications with those Brethren in the United States, whom I desire to interest in this Missionary undertaking. The following is a copy of the Report which I sent by Mr. Charbonnel, to the Revds. Dr. Sprague of Albany and Dr. Baird of New York, and to the Rev. S. Pomeroy, Secretary of the Board of Missions, of the Presbyterian Church, U. S.

REV. AND DEAR SIRS,—I feel myself called upon to let you know that the most cheering prospects seem to invite us, to undertake a missionary work among the French Canadians and the descendants of French Refugees, inhabiting the northern frontier of the States of New York and of Vermont, several of whom are already under the influence of the Gospel. These newborn in Christ, have expressed, in a memorial which has been sent to the Montreal Presbytery, of the Scottish Church, of which I am a member, not only their profession of Christian doctrines, but also their desire, that they and some thousands of others speaking the French language in that region, might receive Christian instruction from a French Missionary connected with some orthodox Church, and having no desire to form a new Christian denomination. French or Swiss Missionaries have laboured at several times among the people in question, and by what I have heard, those Missionaries have always enjoyed full security and respect from most of the Roman Catholics—and have found among the Protestants powerful coadjutors. There, it would seem, a Missionary is brought into contact with a simple and unsophisticated race, breathing a spirit of candour, and alive to the most kindly feelings of friendship. In short, I am persuaded that the friends of the Gospel have there, all the essential facilities for missionary labours; and the memorial above alluded to, of which I enclose a copy, evinces that no discouraging obstacles at present exist to proclaiming "the unsearchable riches of Christ," in these localities:—

To the Rev. the Presbytery of Montreal, the respectful Memorial of the undersigned,

HUMBLY SHEWETH:

That a population almost exclusively speaking the French language, originally from Lower Canada, exceeding four thousand and tending always to increase, resides on the northern frontier of the State of New York, and along the borders of Lake Champlain, of which your Memorialists form a part.

That in the year 1841, the Gospel was for the first time proclaimed in French to that population, which was then wholly Roman Catholic, but with the blessing of God, and through Divine mercy, some souls were brought to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, and their number has been on the increase since.