

lona, a good work is in progress, about which I may not speak more particularly.

"I will say, in concluding this little series of letters, that I wish I could impart to all your readers my deep conviction as to the duty of our churches doing incomparably more to aid in the work of resorting or resuscitating true Christianity in all those portions of Europe which need help from abroad. Oh, how much of interest our country, how much the entire world has at stake in this matter! When shall we begin to pray, and feel, and act as we ought in reference to this important subject?"

Yours truly,

"R. B."

Ecclesiastical Notices.

FUND FOR AIDING AND ENCOURAGING STUDENTS IN DIVINITY.

ESQUESING.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Alexander McNaughton.....	5	0	0	James Hume, sen	1	0	0
John Stewart.....	5	0	0	Thomas Hume.....	0	10	0
Duncan Stewart.....	4	0	0	John Crichton	2	10	0
Alexander Robertson.....	2	10	0	William A. Michie.....	0	10	0
Allan McPherson.....	2	10	0	Robert McPherson.....	0	5	0
William Michie, sen.....	2	0	0	Williamson Ramshaw.....	0	5	0
George Laidlaw	1	0	0	John Fisher	0	10	0
Hugh Campbell.....	1	0	0	Thomas Fisher.....	0	5	0
Duncan Campbell	1	0	0	William Murray.....	0	10	0
James Duff.....	0	5	0	James Stewart.....	1	5	0
John Kippen	0	10	0	Thomas Michie	0	10	0
Daniel Kippen.....	0	5	0				
Peter McGregor.....	1	0	0				
James Hume, jun	1	5	0				
					£35	5	0

[The above contribution is quite worthy to appear in the same list as those that have preceded, especially when it is recollected that the rural Congregation of Esquesing has been, for a number of years, in a state of vacancy. We advert to the matter at present, for the purpose of soliciting the attention of members of Synod to some points which, we presume, will come under consideration at next meeting. Regulations will require to be made respecting the Fund. Particularly, it will have to be determined whether the scheme of raising, from time to time, what is needed, is to be continued; or whether an attempt shall be made, as some reckon preferable, to secure at once what would be sufficient, as an endowment, to yield yearly all that is requisite for the maintenance of the Hall. Extemporaneous and ill-considered enactments on such subjects are much to be deprecated. We are informed that an Elder, in one of our smallest congregations, expresses his willingness to be one of fifty, who shall each contribute £50 towards such an endowment; or if £2,450 is raised in any other way, he will add his £50. Were such a scheme gone into, it would be, of course, quite reasonable to take into consideration what many have already contributed.]

U. P. PRESBYTERY OF DURHAM.

The above Presbytery held their regular Quarterly Meeting at Newcastle, on Tuesday, 8th January.

In addition to a considerable amount of routine business, the Presbytery arranged a series of Missionary Meetings for the congregations in the bounds, all

of which will be addressed by several ministers. It may be generally interesting also, to observe, that this Presbytery is enlarging its bounds in some very promising localities. An application was presented from the Section of the U. P. Congregation of Whitby, usually meeting at Columbus, to be disjoined from the