

Colonial Committee is at our backs ready to help us in supporting our weak congregations, and in allowing Home Mission efforts, and has never refused anything we have asked. It is right that we should thankfully receive the charitable contributions of the Church of Scotland when we are not able to make up the amount required by Synod for this object. There is danger, however, that we shall continue to draw from her funds after we have ceased to require her assistance. The poor man who in sickness obtains charity, is in danger of seeking it when he recovers health and strength, and is no longer deserving of it. But we despise the man who receives charity in this way rather than work for his own living. Much more do we despise the man who has the means to support himself, and yet begs for charity. Equally must that Church be despised which continues to solicit funds from outside quarters for the support of her ministers, when her people are able to support them, if they were only willing. We have no reason on the whole to complain of our Churches within the last three or four years in their contributions toward our Home Mission funds. Most of them have given largely. A few congregations, however, have not kept pace with the others. They have either not contributed at all, or in such a way as to show lack of interest. In the last Report of the Home Mission Board, it is urged that during the current year many congregations shall carry out the injunction of Synod, and make the collections for both Presbytery and Synod's Home Mission funds in the way there described. Let this be done, and there will immediately be cause for rejoicing—not complaining.

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#### From our Scotch Correspondent.

One of the chief points of interest in the Free Church just now, is the nomination of a Principal for the new College, Edinburgh. The much lamented death of Dr. Candlish in October last, left that appointment vacant, and the Presbyteries have now under consideration the election of a suitable successor. The names of Dr. Rainy and Dr. Duff

figure most prominently among the candidates, the former of whom seems to be the most popular. The Presbyteries of Perth, Aberdeen, St. Andrew's and others have been most enthusiastic in nominating Dr. Rainy, and the probabilities are strong in favour of his appointment. His argumentative powers as exhibited in Synods and Assemblies have ranked him among the foremost men of the Free Church, and since the death of Dr. Candlish he has been the acknowledged leader of that denomination.

Dr. Begg, who has been absent from his charge for some months, on a visit to Australia, is expected to return in a few weeks. Rumor says that the munificent gift of £5000 awaits his arrival. This large sum contributed by his friends in Edinburgh, represents in some measure the esteem in which the Rev. Dr. is held. Moral—Ministers should take long vacations.

The chief topic of interest in the U. P. Church, is a decided movement on part of Presbyteries towards having a representative General Assembly. In the Established Church last year the so-called heresy of Dr. Wallace was the all-absorbing topic. This year Principal Caird's sermon on Unbelief will furnish a corresponding episode in the history of the Church. Mr. Wallace, an Elder in the West, has preferred a charge of heresy against the Principal, before the Glasgow Presbytery. Mr. Wallace accuses him of enunciating certain heretical doctrines which should not be tolerated in a man in his position. He sees in Dr. Caird's sermon a plea on behalf of a certain kind of unbelief, which, however, the Principal denies that he either maintained or preached, and declines any further defence at present, on the ground of pressure for time. The Presbytery having discussed the question, decided by a large majority to dismiss the subject. But Dr. Smith has intimated an appeal to Synod. Should Dr. Smith pursue the course indicated, we shall have the history of Dr. Wallace's case repeating itself. It is a sad feature of the Church of Scotland that so many internal strifes should arise. They tend to weaken her influence for good at home, and limit her extension abroad. Intellectual energy is consumed that might serve a nobler end. It widens the span