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The amounts contributed to the various schemes of the church for 1881 are as follows :

Supplementing Fund	\$ 63.47
College, ordinary	70.86
Foreign Mission Collection	108.54
Special by some members	355.00
Home Mission	87.98
French Evangelization	53.82
Point Aux Tremble's School	50.00
Dayspring	43.84
Total	\$833.51

The following resolution was passed unanimously :

"The Presbytery having heard the answers given to the several questions of the Formula by Ministers, Elders, Session and Managers, rejoice in the evidence furnished thereby of the progress of the congregation temporally and spiritually.

They would record their appreciation of the diligence and faithfulness of the various office-bearers and members, the workers together with Christ in this corner of His vineyard.

The Presbytery desire to commend pastor and people to God and to the word of His grace, and while they record their gratitude to God for His goodness in fulfilling so abundantly, so constantly and for so long a time, His promise: 'Whosoever two or three are met together in my name, there am I in the midst of them,' they would pray that He who has helped them hitherto may be with them still."

Presbytery meets again on the second Tuesday of May in New Glasgow.

FREE WILL OFFERING.

Moncton, N. B., Mar. 24, 1882.

REV. E. A. McCURDY :

Dear Sir :—In reply to your inquiry I have to say that the money contributed by the Presbyterian congregation of St. John's Church, Moncton, for Congregational purposes, and for the general work of the Church is by Weekly Offering.

Members and adherents are asked at the beginning of the year to notify the managers as to what amount they can give for these objects. Those who do not give such notice are called on by the managers. A portion of the subscription is given each Sabbath in an envelope

on the outside of which is stated the object for which it is given. Some who do not subscribe any stated amount give weekly by envelopes. And those who do not contribute according to the amounts they subscribed are notified of arrears at the end of each quarter.

No special collections are asked for.

Last year the amount contributed was considerably in advance of any previous year. At our late annual meeting it was found that after all liabilities in carrying on the work of the congregation had been met, and after contributing more than ever before during the year to the general work of the church, there was still in the hands of the Treasurer four hundred dollars (\$400.00.)

Yours truly,

E. M. ESTER, Treas.

LETTER FROM EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Feb. 28th, 1882.

To the Maritime Presbyterian :

The subject of universal remark here is the mildness of the season. So far there has been little more than the appearance of frost or snow. Wherever there is anything for the plough to do, it goes steadily on. The fields are as green as in early summer. The gardens present none of that bare poverty appearance which severe weather gives. Indeed they are awakening to new life. Shrubby and some of the ornamental trees are coming out in leaf. The spade and rake have been busy for weeks, and now in these streets in which are private gardens may be seen the snowdrop, red and white daisies, and yellow and violet crocuses in profusion, while tulips and pansies are ready to appear. Add to these the sweet jessamine whose bright golden blossoms cover many a dark wall, and you have a pleasing contrast to the wintry weather in Nova Scotia.

During the early part of the season a frightful succession of gales swept over Scotland. America was blamed for originating these, inasmuch as warning was given of storms that began developing energy on the western shores of the Atlantic.

But there are storms of another kind that originate and develop in Scotland itself, and which need no outside influence to perpetuate them. The people revel in controversy. During an after-dinner speech in the U. P. Hall, a student, who is completing his course in London, remarked that it was a relief to