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### PROFESSORIAL FUND.

In this number, we begin publishing the Lists of this year's subscriptions to the Professorial Fund, which have been received by the Secretary of the College and Academy Board. It appears to be not unnecessary to remind the friends of the Free Church that it is in the Record, the official organ of the Church, that they are to look for these notices. We understand that in some quarters complaints have been made that the Lists for last year have not been published. In reference to this, we would press it upon our ministers that they owe to the Church the duty of making the Record known to their people—that they ought to let the contributors to the different Funds of the Church know that it is in the Record that their contributions are acknowledged—and that they should urge upon those of their flock who can afford it the duty of subscribing for the Record; that its circulation may be extended, and information may correspondingly be diffused with respect to matter in which all the friends of the Church ought to feel an interest.

Those also who forward contributions, require to be reminded, that it is essential to the right administration of the affairs which have been entrusted to them that correct Lists be forwarded of the names of the parties from whom the contributions have come. The duties of the Secretary are necessarily onerous, but they have been rendered much more difficult than need be, just from want of attention to these matters. Contributions have been lately received from different quarters without the names of the contributors. It is hoped these will speedily be forwarded.

We have particular satisfaction in calling attention to the first contribution in the List published in this number. It has been forwarded from Mr. Donald Morrison, late of Cape Breton, and now in Rocklands, State of Maine. It must be truly cheering to the friends of the Free Church in this Province, to witness such an instance of Christian liberality, from one who is now in a foreign land; and it is hoped the example may have some good influence in reminding others that there is a tie which should still bind them to the interests of the Free Church in the Lower Provinces.

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### CALL TO THE REV. ADAMS. MUIR.

The congregation of Free St. Andrews in St. John's, Newfoundland, have given a unanimous call to the Rev. Adam S. Muir to be their pastor. His labours among them since the summer of 1849, when he was sent out by the Colonial Commit-

tee of the Free Church of Scotland, to supply for a time that vacant charge, have been most assiduous and efficient; and the congregation desire if possible to secure, by having him settled as their stated pastor, the continuance of services which they highly appreciate.

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### THE RECORD.

This number closes the first year of the Record's course. Each number is so small in itself that it will require two years to make a volume. In the mean time, however, as the number of copies thrown off exceeds the present number of subscribers, the Committee for conducting the Record have agreed that the surplus numbers be stitched up in wrappers, so that parties wishing to have the year's set complete, may have them in this form for three shillings and ninepence. These may be obtained at the Book Store of Messrs. A. & W. McKinlay; and as, in the circumstances, the number of sets is necessarily limited, those who may wish to avail themselves of the opportunity of securing the year's numbers in a neat form for future binding should make an early application.

There is much for which, in the conducting of the Record, we feel that we need the indulgence of our friends; but it is hoped they will consider that we are just feeling our way. Those also throughout the Lower Provinces from whom either direct communications, or materials for forming Articles should have come, it is hoped, will, in future, be more alive to the duty which is incumbent on them; and that communications will increase. We are persuaded that it would be easy to furnish many Articles such as the interesting one from Cape Breton published in this number; and it must not be forgotten that wants must be made known, in order that any reasonable expectation may be entertained of having these wants supplied.

Extracts from other kindred periodicals have been hitherto few and short, not only because, for economy, the pages of each number are few, but also because a question having been forced upon us as to the propriety of our conduct, and distinctive position, as a Free Church in this Province, it seemed necessary to devote what otherwise would have been a disproportionate share of our space to the Remarks on the answer of the Presbyterian Synod, to the Letter of the Free Synod declining the Union. It seemed necessary, in order to enjoy the confidence of our people in the management of the different affairs in which we solicit their aid, that the charges of inconsistency, duplicity, and dishonesty, which had been freely heaped upon the Synod, should be repelled; and, however unpleasant the task may be, we have not the slightest doubt that when the matter shall have been fairly and