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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We beg to announce to our readers in the County of Pictou, N. S., that W. Gordon, Esq., Pictou, has kindly consented to act as our Agent for that District.

We regret to announce that we are unable to supply new Subscribers with back numbers for the months of January and February, as the extra issue of 100 copies, thrown off with that view, has been already exhausted.

In reference to a communication from a Subscriber in regard to the *Presbyterian* passing through the P. O. postage free, we believe that the Postal Act includes periodicals on Agriculture, Education, Science and Temperance, excluding Religious periodicals. We shall, however, ascertain exactly against the May number from the proper quarter.

BURSARIES.

We refer with pleasure to the advertisement in the number for March, offering two Bursaries of £25 each for the competition of Divinity students in Queen's College, Kingston, C. W. Such liberality as that, which the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, under the pastoral care of the Rev. R. McGill, D.D., has just shown, is very commendable, while the object sought to be accomplished is one that commends itself to every

well-wisher of our Church. We have for some years steadily advocated the extension of the Bursary system, believing that the native Ministry was the source whence our pulpits are to be mainly filled. We have always thought that the founders of Queen's College deserved well at the hands of the adherents of our Church. The establishment of an Institution, where a liberal education can be obtained, and the connection with it of a Divinity Hall, evinced sound judgement and a right appreciation of the necessities of our country and the position of our Church. We have therefore steadily advocated the claims of Queen's College to friendly support, and have rejoiced at every indication of its growing influence and advancing prosperity. With chairs filled by such men as Professors George, Williamson, Smith, and Weir, we cannot doubt but that the College will continue to advance. Already a goodly number of our pulpits are filled by pastors, who claim that Institution as their *alma mater*, and who reflect credit on the College. Experience, too, is daily demonstrating that in the Missionary as well as Colonial fields a supply of labourers, commensurate to the demand, can only be had from the native Ministry. To every friend of our Church, to every one who is desirous to aid the spread of true and undefiled religion, we would say, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into His harvest." "The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much." But, while we are remembering the spread of the Gospel before the Throne of Grace, we are also called to aid in the good work

by active exertion and to do what we can towards it, each within his own sphere. One opening for usefulness is presented in the cordial supporting of the Bursary Scheme. Our Education Fund may aid many a deserving youth to struggle through difficulties until he passes through the course of study required prior to admission to the Pastorate. Something has already been done towards this. The Lay Association of Montreal besides gives three Bursaries. St. Paul's Church, as we have seen, although many of its members are also members of the Lay Association, feels called on to set apart two Bursaries. Other congregations, no doubt, are doing or will do likewise; and it would be advisable that each Presbytery should endeavour to carry out the Scheme still further. We are aware that the Synod has given its attention to the subject of the procuring of young men to study for the ministry. We notice that in the Lower Provinces Presbyteries are supporting young men in Scotland and Canada during the prosecution of their studies; and we have no doubt that hereafter Queen's College will be attended by numerous students from the Sister Provinces, as the facility of access to it and the moderate amount of expense incurred by the student are great advantages. We commend the example of St. Paul's Church to the imitation of our congregations generally; and we may add that we understand that the requisite £500 are in hands, having been raised by the collections at the weekly meetings, held in the Lecture-room of the Church, for prayer, exposition of the Scriptures, and Missionary intelligence.