

tionaries are to be multiplied, our College work must be vigorously sustained and extended.

It is proper to state that in making the present appeal the Board does not contemplate overstepping any conditions as to time of payment contained in the subscription list; it only invites and urges subscribers, in the interests of the College and of their own accord, to pay earlier than promised.

The success thus far achieved, under the Divine blessing, is highly gratifying, and it is believed that aid rendered *now* will be of much greater value than if *delayed*. Thirty-seven pastoral charges have already contributed to this Fund, and there are in all forty-three congregations, consisting of those in the Presbyteries of Montreal, Ottawa, and Brockville, set apart by the Synod for the support of the College. Let all cheerfully and liberally respond to the present call, and more than the sum indicated may be realized. The committee has arranged to present this matter by deputation to as many congregations as possible during the winter.

The addition of four or five hundred volumes of recent books to the Library is indispensable, and would greatly facilitate the work of Professors and students. One gentleman has purchased seventeen volumes. Will others make this matter an object of their Christian liberality?

The committee reminds Ministers and office-bearers in all the congregations and Mission stations in the above-named Presbyteries, that, by appointment of Synod, the *annual contributions* for the College are to be sent in not later than 31st January next. It is most desirable that *ALL should contribute liberally*, and that, in all cases where it is practicable, the Sabbath-day collection should be supplemented by special donations, received by persons appointed in each congregation to wait upon members and adherents to seek such.

Contributions to the Endowment Fund, for the Library, and to the Annual Revenue, are to be sent to Warden King, Esq., Montreal.

Attention is directed to the Form of Bequest, on the cover of the RECORD, which may be used by persons wishing to will money or property to the College. One legacy has been bequeathed; others are solicited.

In behalf of the committee.

ALEX. MCGIBBON, *Convener*.

DENOMINATIONAL GRANTS.

Our readers are aware that an Act was passed by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario during last session, declaring that it should be hereafter unlawful to continue such grants as had, for some years, been made to colleges under denominational control. As might have been expected, where so many influential parties in the country had a pecuniary interest in their continuance, the Act was not passed without considerable opposition, and ominous warnings from sundry quarters that a combined effort would be made to upset, at a future period, the just and wholesome measure. The threat has been only too faithfully kept. The former recipients of these grants have been quietly, but industriously, maturing their plans for a joint attack at once on the public purse and the system of public instruction which, in conformity with the general sentiment of the people, the country long ago adopted. The machinery of the Churches has been put in requisition to circulate ambiguously-worded petitions to the Legislature and secure signatures thereto. Members of Parliament, on both sides of