

opportunities were afforded on two separate occasions of addressing the Colonial Committee. Our old friends Mr. McTavish and Mr. Thornton are on that Committee. The case was presented that an Assembly was responsible for the year for some £720 to Manitoba College, of which the Home Mission Committee, east and west, paid some £250, leaving £470 to be made up. Application was made to this Committee to grant £150 to this Ordinary Fund. Though the Committee is this year cramped for funds, it cheerfully granted this amount, in consideration of the theological teaching done by the Professors. At the Free Assembly an opportunity was given your Commissioner to address the large attendance present at the evening sederunt devoted to the Colonial and Continental work. Mr. Thornton followed in a fervid appeal for Canada, and urged that the North-West should receive a larger share of the Committee's funds than heretofore. This seemed to meet a warm response from the members present. Though no one could be more considerate than the late convener, it is yet pleasing to Canadians to know that the new convener is Rev. J. C. Burns, of Kirkliston, Canada. The part taken by the Free Church in the early days of Canadian Presbyterianism, and especially in connection with the Red River Settlement, forms a bond of connection which may well grow stronger than ever in the newly developed need of Manitoba.

IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Application was made to the Irish Church to assist by a grant to the Ordinary Fund of the College. A grant to the French Evangelization Society had already been made, but with cheerfulness the Irish Colonial Committee gave the £100 asked for. An invitation was given your Commissioner to be present at the Irish Assembly and address it on Manitoba, but the lateness of its meeting made this impossible. In the disturbed state of Ireland, it reflects great credit on the Irish Church that it is able to give grants in behalf of its people who are going abroad, and many of whom are going to Manitoba. A visit to Belfast was made by your Commissioner, and much interest was shown in Manitoba there.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The fact that a considerable element of the Canadian Church belonged to the United Presbyterian Church has made it no doubt an object of regret to such that their mother Church took no part with opportunity of addressing the United Presbyterian Foreign Mission Committee. Your Commissioner had an and a resolution of a favourable kind passed, but commending it to the Continental and Colonial Committee—a new Committee not yet in full working order. On account of this Committee having no funds, the matter was referred back to the Foreign Mission Committee. At the meeting of the Synod, your Commissioner was given the opportunity of addressing the Synod, and advocating the claims of Manitoba College and the mission work in the North-West. Principal Cairns afterwards addressed the Synod in favour of Canada, and of Manitoba in particular. The Synod directed the Foreign Mission Committee to favourably consider the claims of Manitoba College. At a meeting held since a grant of £250 was made. It is gratifying to think that the interest of this very liberal body has been revived in the work in Canada, to which it gave so strong a hand in years gone by.

THANKS TO BRITISH CHURCHES.

Few examples have been seen of so unanimous a feeling on the part of the British Churches as has been shown in these grants. Your Commissioner would strongly recommend that votes of thanks to these several Churches be given by the General Assembly for the grants, expressing the satisfaction given in placing the Ordinary Fund of the College in a good position for the year.

DONATIONS.

One or two of the gentlemen to whom an appeal was made for assistance in the endowment were unwilling that their contributions should be devoted to that object. The amount given by them has been devoted to the making of necessary additions to the apparatus for the Laboratory in the new College. A valuable collection of 260 Molluscan specimens, named and catalogued, has been presented by Professor Duns, of the Free College, Edinburgh, in pursuance of a promise made to Dr. Patterson on his visit to Britain in 1878.

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

In accordance with the authority given, personal application was made to a number of the wealthier people in Britain. To a stranger this kind of work is much slower than to one acquainted with the ground. A number of fair subscriptions are hereto attached, though, as was to have been expected, a good number of applications were unsuccessful. While a considerable number of subscriptions were received, yet the amounts of individual contributions are considerably below what we are accustomed to expect from the wealthy in Britain. This arose partly from the great distance away of Manitoba as compared with many objects at home claiming assistance, and from the frequent appeals not only for local objects, but from all parts of the world made in Britain. One contributor of £10, who, for special reasons, was expected to give £50, had, on the week before an appeal was made to him, been approached for fourteen other subscription lists. The canvass was, moreover, necessarily incomplete; a number of the contributions were received by letter from places not visited.