

## REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON FINANCES OF COLLEGE.

The sub-committee appointed by the Board of Management of Knox College, in accordance with the instructions of last Synod, for the purpose of taking steps to raise a sum sufficient at once to defray the expense of the college for the current year, and meet the still unliquidated arrears of past years, present the following report.

On inquiry it was found that \$8315 would be needed to attain these objects. Following the course that had been adopted during the previous year, the Committee proceeded to divide this sum among the Presbyteries of the Church, according to the returned membership of each, with this modification, however, as giving nearer approach to an equitable distribution than would be reached by taking numbers *simply* into account, that, the apportionment to the Presbyteries of Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, and London, was at the rate of 25 cents per member, that of Brockville, Huron, and Grey, 15 cents per member, and that of the other Presbyteries of the Church about 22½ cents. It was thought that these Presbyteries—Guelph, Paris, Ottawa, &c.—might fully be regarded as representing the average ability of the Church, and the amount apportioned to them are exactly what would have fallen to their share, had the distribution of the entire sum to be raised been simply according to number.

A circular setting forth the details of this distribution, and urging an earnest effort on the part of all to attain the desired object, was addressed to the various Presbyteries and to the individual ministers likewise. The following table will show what success has attended this effort.

Presbyteries	Sum Apportioned	Sum Raised	Contemplated Average	Actual Average
Montreal .....	\$1147	.... \$ 673*	.... 25 cents	.... 15cents
Brockville .....	200	.... 45 50	.... 15	.... 3½
Ottawa .....	434	.... 169 65	.... 22½	.... 8
Kingston .....	304	.... 232 66	.... 22½	.... 17
Cobourg .....	585	.... 235 39	.... 22½	.... 9
Ontario .....	372	.... 166 61	.... 22½	.... 10
Toronto .....	1062	.... 1097 56	.... 25	.... 25
Guelph .....	857	.... 482 85	.... 22½	.... 12½
Hamilton .....	859	.... 749 50	.... 25	.... 21½
Paris .....	630	.... 643 77	.... 22½	.... 22½
London .....	833	.... 562 17	.... 25	.... 16½
Huron .....	366	.... 107 67	.... 15	.... 4
Stratford .....	462	.... 200 65	.... 22½	.... 10
Grey .....	221	.... 62 19	.... 15	.... 4
Donations .....		90 66		

The entire sum raised during the year has been \$5520 23 or \$2794 77 less than aimed at: 444 44 less than last year.

From this table it will be seen that only two Presbyteries have come up to the amount apportioned to them, viz, Toronto and Paris. Hamilton has exceeded the contribution of the previous year, by \$114, and would probably have made up its apportionment but for the failure to contribute of one of the largest congregations in the Presbytery, at present without a pastor. The other Presbyteries, without exception, have contributed less than during the previous year, the greatest diminution being the cases of London and Montreal; the contributions of which are \$210, and 173, respectively, less than those of the former year.

The failure of many of the Presbyteries of the Church to raise the amount

\* Including a donation of \$100 sent by a member of the Church in this city—Montreal—directly to the Treasurer.