

offerings of this last gentleman in the cause, since the meeting of last Assembly, amounted to £2000. The town of Rutherglen had completed, at its own expense, a manse to the minister of the new parish, and large collections had been made there for Church Extension. Mr. Wm Collins of Glasgow, after holding a meeting in Largs, went personally round amongst the inhabitants, and that at a season of the year when the greater number of the visitors were absent, and with the influential assistance of Mr. Dow, of Largs, raised within its limits £632 for the Church Extension fund in the course of a few days, and this after they had supplied their own wants. Mr. Collins next went to Greenock, where he realized £1000. Edinburgh, from a small fraction of its whole extent, raised nearly £2000, through the medium of visitations in several of the streets, which gave an earnest of what might be expected if local meetings were held in every district. The thanks of the Committee were also due to Mr. Maitland Makgill, for his unwearied exertions and services in favour of the cause. Subscriptions had been raised in the ten original parish churches in Glasgow for the cause; and the sum realized from the hearers of one church was £1,900. In these parishes the subscriptions were still going on; and, in all, the amount already received was £8,467 10s. The sum of £2000 had been raised in Edinburgh, by contributions after public meetings, through the medium of household visitations in several of the streets. But the Presbytery of Hamilton had made the greatest and most successful efforts within its bounds. During the last two or three years, twelve churches had been erected within that Presbytery, its previous numbers having been fourteen, so that the number was nearly doubled. The town of Paisley had fully doubled the number of its churches within the same period.

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"The peer and the peasant, the merchant and the mechanic, stood side by side, and all gave, as the Lord prospered them, in the great cause of lengthening the cords and strengthening the stakes of our beloved Zion. And let the result confirm this—160 additional Churches! £160,000 of money contributed, and additional accommodation provided for about 150,000 people."

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF THE REV. DR. BURNS IN THE SCOTTISH GUARDIAN, JUNE 6TH, 1837.

DEAR SIR.—Allow me to introduce to the notice of your numerous readers, a literary curiosity—the *Niagara Magazine*; yes, Sir, the Niagara religious Magazine. Indeed, the copy before me seems to have been bespangled with the spray of that stupendous waterfall, and this just makes it the more picturesque. It is a most respectable specimen of the Theology, and the typography, and the paper manufacture of our thriving Canadian Settlements; for you must know that it is all of native growth—The paper a little yellow indeed, but this will soon be remedied, by the arrival at Niagara of a large shipment of the same beautiful, large, and well-made article which gives weekly currency to that most unpretending, but most valuable of all our periodicals—*"The Scottish Christian Herald"*. The title of the work is—*"The Canadian Christian Examiner, and Presbyterian Review"*. It is not "the organ"—properly speaking—of any Church or ecclesiastical judicatory; but it is the vehicle through which a large number of pious and enlightened ministers of our Church, in Canada, intend to convey, monthly, a portion of religious instruction and intelligence to their friends and fellow-countrymen in the Western Colonies.

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This last matter (Synod Library) I would wish to press on the particular attention of ministers and laymen in Scotland, who may be in possession of many books which they might easily spare. In the prospect—it may not be very remote—of a Theological Institution for educating young men, natives of the colonies, for the work of the ministry there, it is recommended that means should, in the meantime, be used for collecting a library of Theological and general literature for its use, and for the benefit of the Synod at large. The friends of Theological literature are so-licited to make presents of books to this interesting object; and reference is made to the valuable library now established at Pittsburg, U. S. for the use of the "Western Theological Academy" of the Presbyterian Church in the States. The minister who visited that rising seminary states, that he saw with great interest, on many of the books in that library, the names of not a few fathers and brethren of the Church of Scotland, whom he knew and esteemed, and who had enriched this library with presents from their private collections. Well do I recollect the visit