

effort in several Congregations, for Prof. Young's salary. The total amount therefore received was \$8226 97.

It is to be borne in mind that at last Assembly Mr. Young was unanimously and most cordially chosen as a regular Professor in the College. Instead of any special fund being raised, as for the last two years, his stipend must now come out of the ordinary revenue. This is particularly noticed, in order to point out the necessity of each Congregation endeavouring to enlarge its contribution, that thus the whole amount of last year may be realized, viz.: above \$8000.

Let me express the hope that the movement now in progress, to raise, as a memorial of the late Rev. Dr. Burns, a sufficient sum to endow a chair in Knox College, will not interfere in the least degree with the ordinary revenue. Of course, the necessary expenditure must be met, as if no such effort were being made; and this can only be accomplished by each Congregation realizing its own responsibility in the matter of supporting the College, and giving accordingly.

To neglect the adequate maintenance of the College, is to neglect the means through which alone a supply of educated, well-trained, pious young men can be obtained for the pulpit, and for the promotion of the cause of Christ. Consequently the interests of the Church suffer loss. Whereas, on the other hand, to place such funds at the disposal of the Church, as will enable it to do its duty to the College, and thus to encourage the Professors in their labours, is to render the greatest service to the work of the Gospel.

There are many reasons besides the special importance of the College in itself, which might be urged, to induce a prayerful, generous response in its behalf. For example: God is, in His mercy and goodness, giving enlargement to the Church, so that she is "lengthening her cords, and strengthening her stakes" throughout the land. The business of the country has been on the whole prosperous, so that all classes are thereby benefited so far. He, who alone can give power to get wealth, is increasing the worldly stores of many of the members of the Church. There is a large number of promising, devoted students now attending the College. These are, above all, the great obligations under which they who profess to belong to Christ, are laid to redeeming love. These and other considerations which might be mentioned, should stimulate gratitude and zeal to promote in every way the interests of the truth as it is in Jesus.

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RITUALISM,

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Ritualism is a term which, as commonly employed, denotes the use in religious worship of certain rites and ceremonies, which have no warrant for their observance in the Christian Church, some of which are borrowed from Judaism, and some from Paganism, many of which are childish and absurd; while not a few embody and recommend doctrines and practices which are directly opposed to the teachings of Scripture. Among the