

thus a pledge of all needful encouragement and support. The number of Students attending the preparatory and theological classes this session is very encouraging, and their high character and diligence give reason to hope that, when their course of study is completed, they will be "workmen who need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." It is also gratifying to state that, although the number of Students entering the College every year varies much, as might be expected, yet there is a gradual and steady increase; for this we should feel thankful, especially as sister Churches are complaining of an alarming decrease in the number of their Theological Students. Our only regret is that such difficulty is experienced in obtaining anything like an adequate supply of Ministers to meet the wants of a rapidly extending Church, and to furnish laborers to enter the numerous new fields which we are expected to cultivate. Without a great increase in the number of Students, we shall not be able to carry on Home and Foreign Mission work as extensively as we could desire, and as the wealth of our Church shall stimulate us to attempt. How well were it if the heads of families, while contributing liberally of their substance to the support of the College and of Home and Foreign Missions, would feel it to be their duty to encourage and aid some of the brightest and best of their sons to devote themselves to the service of Christ in the work of the Ministry. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Commending the College to the confidence, liberality, and prayers of the Church.

Toronto, Knox College,
Jan. 26, 1874.

I am, yours truly,

JOHN J. A. PROUDFOOT,
Chairman of College Board.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

As the time has now arrived when many of the Congregations of the Churches make their annual contributions for Missions, we think it right to call attention to the state and requirements of the Foreign Mission Fund.

The large balance on hand at the time of the meeting of the General Assembly, has not only been exhausted by the current expenses up to the present date, but a debt of upwards of \$1000 incurred. Not only the necessities of the fund urgent, but the demands of the work are increasing.

Various changes have been made in the manner of conducting the Saskatchewan Mission which without interfering with the efficiency of the work will tend, it is hoped, to greater economy. The staff of labourers, however, has in that department been increased, so that we cannot safely look for a smaller total expenditure. We have now two ordained Missionaries, Rev. Messrs Nisbet and Vincent. Mr. George Flett, an excellent Christian layman, thoroughly familiar with the Cree language and with Indian habits, has been sent to labour among the aborigines, in the neighborhood of Fort Pelly, where there is a promising field for missionary work.

In accordance with the instructions of the last General Assembly, Misses Roger and Fairweather, who have for some time been preparing for mission service, have been sent to India, where there are abundant openings for female missionaries. They will labour under the care and direction of the Missionaries of the Presbyterian Board in the United States. Their outfit, passage and salary are paid by the Canadian Church. This important step