

Christian Liberty Committee for the same year were £118,050. 19. 6d.

NEED OF FUNDS—CLAIMS OF THE SCHEME.

"There are now twenty cases in which grants have been promised, but not paid. All of them are not ready for immediate endowment, but the proceedings in connection with eight of them are already in court, and it is known that a number of others have completed their local subscriptions, and are ready to proceed if they could be assured that the Committee were in a position to make good the grant promised.

"Under the plan proposed for the endowment of an additional 100 churches agreed to by the General Assembly in 1876, it was arranged that an effort should be made to raise a special fund of £100,000 applicable to this purpose, to be supplemented by the church-door collections and ordinary sources of income. It was reported to last year's Assembly that these special were, as at May 1879, £42,600. They amount now to £43,349."

The Report thus concludes: "Let the nation see and feel that the Church of Scotland still calmly presses on in the midst of tumult to fulfil her proper function of leaving no part of the land unsupplied with parish endowment where men are massed thickly together, or are so isolated as in either case to be percluded from their share of parochial and religious privileges. This is the aim and work of your Endowment scheme. It enters into no controversy; it hurls back no notes of defiance; it only asks the members of the Church to be true to her and to themselves,—to do their duty as it lies clear before them."

RED-HOT SHOT.

Another word. Go in for it, brethren, whatever you do. It is no use doing anything half-heartedly; the only way

to get on in anything in this world is to throw ourselves thoroughly into it. So with the work of preaching—go at it with your whole heart. When Gibraltar was besieged, it might have been captured had not the general given the enemy red-hot shot. Cold shot they had plenty, but did not seem to mind it at all. Nearer and nearer came the French and the Spaniards, till the general issued orders to give it to them red hot; then the vessels began to smoke and blaze, and soon they had enough of it. Brethren, it may be you cannot give them big shot, but you can fire it red hot. Let the little guns as well as the big ones give it to them red hot, and you will soon raise a fire in the enemy's camp.

And you, dear brethren and sisters who have not got to preach, get the fuses hot for us. We are the gunners, but you have to bring the shot red hot to us that we may fire it. You must be mighty in prayer for us. I do not believe a man who will do anything for God unless he puts his whole soul and energy into it. 'I will die if I do not succeed. I must bring these souls to Christ. I want the blessing for them; I must have it.' That is the true spirit in which to go about the work. We dare not preach as if it were a matter of indifference whether souls are saved or not. We must have them saved. And when God writes must across our hearts he will write must across their hearts. When he teaches us to say they must be born again, he teaches them to see it, and they will be born again. Christ will say to them, 'I must abide in thy heart to-day.' So, by God's grace, our 'must' and God's 'must' will come together, and souls shall be saved. I hope in such an earnest spirit you will preach the everlasting gospel.

And you, young men, one word to you—Preach away as hard as you can. Perhaps when you are older men, you will want the elasticity of mind, and