

PAYMENTS.

By Balances due on July 1, 1849—			
Dr. Willis.....	£84	1	3
Professor Esson.....	95	12	7
Professor Rintoul.....	67	18	5
Professor Gale.....	54	8	0
		302	0
By Library account.....	48	11	9
By John Burns, on account of expenses of Agency Office.....	30	0	0
By D. Rintoul, for transmitting the Minutes of College Committee..	1	10	0
By advertising in Mont. Witness..	1	9	9
By bal. of ac. for fuel, cleaning, ofifiers' salary, candles, repairs, &c to July 12, 1849.....	47	18	1
By half-year's salary due Jan. 1, '59			
Dr. Willis.....	£200		
Professor Esson.....	125		
Professor Rintoul.....	125		
Professor Gale, to 1st Oct. 1849.....	25		
		475	0
By City Taxes on Coll. buildings..	4	15	0
By half-year's rent on ditto.....	30	0	0
By J. Burns, travelling expenses..	1	5	0
By discount on cheques.....	0	7	1
By account for fuel, cleaning, candles, &c., to June 1, 1850.....	18	4	11 1/2
By Library account.....	6	3	2
By proportion of Agent's salary...	59	0	0
By Professors' salaries falling due on 1st July, 1850, in part.....	19	0	0
By J. M. Hirschfelder, Esq., Hebrew teacher, on account.....	30	0	0
By J. Cleland, for printing.....	0	12	6
By balance in Treasurer's hands,...	205	12	2
		£1272	9

MATERNAL AFFECTION.

Men talk of the silver cord of friendship—of the silver ties which bind young lovers together—of the pure affection of husband and wife, as if it were durable as adamant, and as pure as the love of angels. But a hasty word, a thoughtless action, or a mis-constructed expression may break the first; slight neglect, some inconsistency, or a trifling favor denied, may sunder the second; and even the last may be destroyed, for the green-eyed monster may find some entrance, and blight the fairest flower of this sweetest earthly paradise.

But there is a love which neglect cannot weaken, which injury cannot destroy, and which even jealousy cannot extinguish. It is the pure, the holy, the enduring love of a mother. It is as gentle as the breeze of evening, firm as the oak, and ceases only when life's last gleam goes out in death. During all the vicissitudes of this changing world, in sickness or in sorrow, in life or in death, in childhood's halcyon days, in "youth's untroubled hour," or in manhood's vigorous prime, the mother clings with the same unweary affection to her child. It is the same amid the snows and frost of Siberia, the temperate and the joyous regions of our own land, and among the arid sands of Africa.

These anxious cares and tender attentions, and repeated words of a mother's love are not without their happy influences upon the lives and character of their sons. The stern rebuke of a justly offended father may check for a season the rising and struggling passions of youth, but the lessons learned from a mother's lips are engraven on the heart, and retain their power through life; in virtue's path, and even in the career of vice, they are continually recurring to our mind, and bring with them as farther incitements to good, all the hallowed sense of childhood and innocence.—Hard is the heart that will not melt at the recollection of a mother's prayer; and more obdurate still, the heart of him who by a course of vice can wittingly wring her soul with anguish, and bring down her grey hairs with sorrow to the grave.—*Presbyterian Herald.*

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

"Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth labourers into His harvest."

A Church that neglects to provide for the education of its candidates must expect to have many uneducated ministers. The utmost vigilance and decision are necessary in order to maintain a high standard of ministerial qualification. If the question were left entirely to the candidates themselves, there is no doubt that many would enter the ministry with very deficient resources. For, notwithstanding the prevalent opinion that the theological course should embrace at least three years of study, and notwithstanding some stringent rules on the subject, as indicated in the arrangements of the theological seminaries, and as positively required by the Assembly through the Board of Education, a disposition to shorten the course is constantly exhibited among the students who leave the sacred office in view.

No greater evil can befall the Church, next to an unevangelical ministry, than an uneducated ministry. President Edwards has some admirable remarks on this point, which we extract from his "Thoughts on a Revival."

"The gospel-ministry used to be limited to persons of a liberal education; but some of late have been for having others, whom they have supposed to be persons of eminent experience, publicly licensed to preach, yea, and ordained to the work of the ministry; and some ministers have seemed to favour such a thing. But how little do they seem to look forward, and consider the unavoidable consequences of opening such a door! If once it should become a custom, or a thing generally approved and allowed of, to admit uneducated persons to the work of the ministry, because of their remarkable experience and good understanding, how many lay persons would soon appear as candidates for the work of the ministry! I doubt not but that I have been acquainted with scores that would have desired it. And how shall we know where to stop? If one is admitted because his experiences are remarkable, another will think his experiences also remarkable; and we perhaps shall not be able to deny but that they are nearly as great. If one is admitted because, besides experiences, he has good natural abilities, another, by himself and many of his neighbours, may be thought equal to him. It will be found of absolute necessity that there should be some certain, visible limits fixed, to avoid bringing odium upon ourselves, and breeding uneasiness and strife amongst others; and I know of none better, and indeed no other that can well be fixed, than what the prophet Zechariah fixes, viz., That those only should be appointed to be pastors or shepherds in God's church, that "have been taught to keep cattle from their youth," or that have had an education for that purpose. Those ministers who would break over these limits, and make a practice of it, would break down that fence which they themselves, after they have been wearied with the ill consequences, would be glad to have somebody else build up for them. Not but that there may probably be some persons in the land, who have had no education at college, that are in themselves better qualified for the work of the ministry, than some others who have their degrees, and are now ordained. But yet I believe the breaking over of these bounds which have hitherto been set, in ordaining such persons, would in its consequences be a greater calamity than the missing such persons in the work of the ministry.—Opening a door for the admission of unlearned men to the work of the ministry, though they should be persons of extraordinary experience, would on some accounts be especially prejudicial at such a day as this; because such persons, for want of extensive knowledge, are oftentimes forward to lead others into those things which a people are in danger of at such a time, above all others, viz., magical, vain imaginations, superstitious, unchristian, and such like, extreme."

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

The Librarians of Knox's College have to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned donations to the Library—

- From Mrs. Purdy, of Quebec—
- Crawford's History of the Shire of Renfrew
- From Rev. Wm. Rintoul—
- 8 volumes of the Scottish Missionary Register.
- 2 volumes of the Reports of the London Missionary Society, for 1827, '28, '29 and '30.
- 1 volume of Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society, for 1848, '49.
- Religious Monitor, or Scots' Presbyterian Magazine, Vol. IV.
- 11 volumes of Reports of the Poor Law Commissioners.

JOHN LAING,
Interim Librarian

June 19th, 1850.

Mr BURNS acknowledges the receipt of 20 volumes and pamphlets, for a Library in connection with the Mission to the colored population in Raleigh; from Rev. Dr. Willis: 12 books from Miss Yorton. Also, for the same object, from Rev. J. M. Roger, Peterboro', 2s. 6d.

Mr B. will be happy to receive any contributions in money or books in aid of the Library.

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Markham, per Rev. J. Boyd.....	£2	13	3 1/2
Prescott, per Rev. R. Boyd.....	4	0	0
Perth, per Rev. J. B. Duncan.....	5	6	2 1/2
Brookville, per Rev. J. McMurray.....	3	0	0
Grafton and Colborne, per Rev. J.W. Smith.....	1	1	5
Erin, per Mr. John McMillan.....	1	6	3
Oakville, per Rev. J. Nisbet.....	£1	15	0
Trafalgar, Dundas-st., do.....	2	0	0
		3	15
Chatham and Tilbury, per Rev. A. McColl.....	5	2	6
Cornwall, 2 friends, per Rev. J. Ross	0	5	0
Lochiel, additional, do.....	0	7	6
Oneida, per Rev. Dr. Ferrier.....	2	6	10 1/2
Hamilton, additional, per Mr. D. McLellan.....	18	11	0
Saltfleet, per Rev. G. Cheyne.....	£1	8	9
Bimbrook, do.....	1	0	0
		2	8
Gananoque, per Rev. H. Gordon.....	£6	15	6
Do. part collec. for F. Mis. paid to Col. fund by consent of congregation.....	0	15	6
		7	11
Melbourne, per Mr. McLaren.....	£1	6	3
Slipton, col. by Miss Wilson.....	1	0	0
		2	6
South Gower, per Rev. W. J. McDowell.....	1	1	0
St. Thomas, per Rev. John Fraser.....	7	6	0
Hamilton, additional, per Mr. Jacob Bastedo.....	1	0	0

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Patrick per Rev. W. Reid.....	£2	0	0
Gananoque per Rev. H. Gordon.....	1	17	6