

capability in translation, derivation, construction and exposition; and the prizes were awarded to Messrs. E. Scott, Adam Gunn and W. P. Archibald. For the next year, earlier notice has been given, and an examination in Theology is added. The prescribed subjects are New Testament Greek—Matthew, Mark, and from James to Revelations inclusive. Hodges's Systematic Theology—Introduction and five chapters of Part I., the examination to be in writing, and to take place on the first Tuesday of December, not at the beginning of the session, as stated in the June Record, and *P. Witness* of a previous date.

The Library is in good condition, but there are some works urgently required, which want of funds prevents the Board from getting. A few hundred dollars, or even a single hundred, could be expended with great advantage at the present time, and be of immense service to Professors and Students.

We are constrained reluctantly, in conclusion, to call the attention of the church to a falling off in the funds. Last year, the accounts showed that the contributions sent in were over \$1,700; during the year now closing, they have not quite reached \$1,100. The income of 1872 met the expenditure, with the exception of about \$50; the income of 1873 falls short by \$800. It is true the Committee issued special circulars in the former year, but it was well understood that that was to meet an emergency, and that such appeals, if made annually, would lose their efficacy, and reflect on the whole-hearted liberality of our people. No circular, therefore, was issued, but the deficiency of income was intimated in the Record.

The Committee, however, would not do its duty, were it not to express its conviction that the failure lies with the ministers rather than with the people. So far as collections have been made, the response has been nearly equal to former efforts. The contributing congregations have given their full share, with few exceptions, but they amount to only one half of the whole number, so that the promptness and zeal of one part of the members of Synod itself, were counterbalanced, and, as it were, paralysed by the *vis inertia* of the other. The neglect or postponement of a single collection seems a trifle, but the neglect of fifty or sixty accounts at once for the missing \$800, and shows that it is anything but a trifle, thus to disarrange, through procrastination and neglect, one of the most important works of the church. The Committee hope and trust that the Synod will be able to secure, by August 1st, collections from all the non-contributing congregations to meet the deficiency, without sanctioning the idea that such a collection, raised out of

due time, relieves from the duty of contributing again for the current year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

(Receipts.)

Professional Fund, int and Dividends	\$2,194 05
General Fund, interest and Dividends	2,200 67
Congregational Collection, &c.	1086 90
Bal. advanced by Treas...	806 87
	\$6288 49

Expenditure.

For 4 Professors, at \$1,200.	\$4800 00
" Dr. King, \$600 N.S. ann.	584 00
" Extra payment for 1871.	201 00
" Hunter's Bursaries	120 00
" Loans to Students	50 00
" Treasurer's percentage on both education accts. . . .	383 34
" Janitor.	48 00
" Insurance	56 88
" Other expenses	45 27
	\$6288 49

Respectfully submitted,
P. G. MCGREGOR, Sec'y.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS,
1872 TO 1873.

In presenting a brief annual statement to the Synod, this Board does not feel that it is necessary to enlarge on the nature, the objects, or the importance of Home Mission work. These should be and we presume are, familiar to the minds and dear to the hearts of our ministers and people. We should and do feel, that while our field is the World, the part of the field which has the first claim, is not the remotest but the nearest. While the whole wall has to be built, there is good authority for giving special attention to the repair of the breaches over against our own house. While Christian Missions in every form call for the prayers and the support of the faithful, the sending of the Gospel to those who dwell secluded and solitary in the wood or by the sea shore, in our own Lower Provinces, should be regarded as the primary and paramount duty.

Our record for the year past is not devoid of interest, yet it is a record of a work attempted, but far enough from being fully accomplished. Our openings and opportunities never were greater or more inviting, our means of entering in and improving these, have seldom been less. Our work has lagged for want of a sufficient number of earnest labourers.

When the report of last year was submitted, our Probationers and Catechists taken together formed a considerable band, and, for the summer months, our vacant charges and mission stations were supplied with considerable constancy; but by the