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Immediately after the rising of last Assembly, steps were taken to supply the necessary assistance to the staff of the College. The Rev. R. Y. Thomson, B.A., a distinguished graduate of the University of Toronto and Knox College, was obtained, and the College reports will state the satisfactory service rendered by him during the year.

MODE OF PROCEDURE.

On account of the decidedly adverse opinion of the physicians and a number of leading members of Assembly, your Commissioner was reluctantly compelled to give up the idea of holding public meetings in connection with Manitoba throughout Britain. This was a matter of regret, as there is a growing demand for information about Manitoba across the Atlantic. To forward the movement in favour of the Canadian North-west, in which the Rev. Dr. Macgregor, of Edinburgh, has done so great service, a series of letters was written for the leading journals of Scotland, a number of which were reprinted by the Canadian Government and scattered very widely. The Records of the three great Churches of Scotland, and those of the Irish and English Presbyterian Churches likewise, published papers on our work. By advertisement and printed circulars Manitoba was brought prominently before the people of Scotland especially. A work on "Manitoba: Its Infancy, Growth and Present Condition," was published, which has had a wide circulation. Large numbers of letters of inquiry were answered, and much personal advice given to intending settlers. This was work from which there seemed no way of escape. The emigration from Scotland and Ireland to Manitoba this year has been very large, and some three hundred persons are said to have left Edinburgh alone.

Before leaving for Britain, your Commissioner received a communication from

HON. DONALD A. SMITH,

promising \$500 a year, for the years 1881-2-3, towards the "support of the first chair in Manitoba College." The \$500 for 1881 was devoted to procuring assistance for teaching the work of the first chair in the absence of your Commissioner. The remaining \$1,000 remains to be applied towards the support of this chair for the present year and the following, and in the meantime may be credited to endowment.

Shortly after the meeting of the General Assembly, it became known that that warm supporter of the Church,

MR. JOSEPH MACKAY,

in addition to the \$1,000 given towards the new building of Manitoba College, had left, in pursuance of a promise made to your Commissioner, the sum of \$2,000 towards the Endowment Fund of the College. It is hoped that other Canadian gentlemen of prominence and wealth, who have given some indications in the matter, may add considerable sums to the endowment.

THE BRITISH CHURCHES.

Your Commissioner found, on arriving in Britain, that through one cause and another the British Churches have for years been directing their assistance more to New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, and even to such small handfuls of Presbyterians as are found in Madeira, Falkland Isles, Odessa and the like, than to Canada, with its immense mission field. The diffusion of information about Manitoba, and the increase of emigration thither, is calling the attention of the Churches in Britain to Manitoba, and our Canadian ministers who have returned to Scotland are beginning to speak out with more decision than heretofore on behalf of our work. Assurance was given on all hands that more assistance would be given to Canada in her great North-Western work.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

In December the claims of Manitoba were laid before the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland. The case of the College as well as our mission work was urged on the Committee, and Dr. Snodgrass earnestly pleaded on our behalf. The Committee was most friendly. Their funds are just recovering, under the able management of Dr. Gray, of Liberton, from a serious deficiency of two years ago; and from a number of unexpected demands during this year, over which they had little control, their funds were behind. But so anxious were they to show some sympathy for Manitoba College, that they granted £25, and the amount was further made up by the Committee to £76. At the General Assembly in Edinburgh, your Commissioner was accorded a warm reception. The feeling was unmistakably in favour of our United Church. Individual members so clearly expressed themselves that there can be no doubt of the general tone. Assurance was given that our time for Manitoba was coming; and a suggestion that the amount no longer received by Halifax College, and which, by the decision of the Scottish General Assembly, will not be open to the older Provinces, should be given to Manitoba College towards Professor Hart's salary, as it had been to that of Professor Pollock, was cordially received by a number of members of the Colonial Committee for the coming year. The visit of Rev. Dr. Sprott, of North Berwick, to our Assembly and to Manitoba, has plainly been followed by good results. Your Commissioner cannot speak in too high terms of the hospitalities extended to him in connection with the General Assembly.

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

No Scottish Church has taken a more genuine interest in Presbyterianism in Canada than the Free Church. For several years we have been largely indebted to her in our mission work. Good