

land. The ability of the Church in this country to raise the amount we assign to it is not to be doubted, and considering the interest and importance which fairly belong to the proposal, we must have proof before we disbelieve its willingness.

We earnestly entreat attention to the statement which has been issued by the authority of the University Trustees, presenting the claims of the object proposed, and appealing for contributions in furtherance of its attainment, and express an earnest hope that the scheme may soon be crowned with all the success it deserves.

PROBABLY before our next number can reach our readers, the special collection to be made by authority of Synod on the first Sabbath of October will have become due. The time for intimating it will at all events have passed. We therefore embrace this opportunity of notifying it. The object of the collection is the French Mission Scheme. From what transpired at the last meeting of Synod, indicative of a quickened interest in the work of this Scheme, we do not feel ourselves called upon to say much more than simply remind its friends and supporters that the appointment of Synod for the day above mentioned affords an occasion for the fulfilment of all promises in its behalf. If possible let the day named be the day for the collection. Let ministers give due intimation beforehand. Let the people generally devise liberal things, and earnestly implore the divine blessing upon the effort. Observing these exhortations,

the hope of an abundant response will be realized. There are now four agents employed in connection with this effort—the Revs. J. Tanner, and L. Baridon, M. Geoffroy, missionary in Montreal, and Miss Vernier, teacher of the Day-school, and matters are pecuniarily in such a state, that if the collection do not fall short of last year's contributions, all obligations will be fully met.

OUR Correspondent, "Nonnullus," must excuse us for respectfully declining to insert his communication on the recent appointments by the Trustees of Queen's University. If it is any comfort to him to know our opinion, it entirely accords with his own—to the effect that, in ordinary circumstances, if the Church in this country can find men within itself suitable for its offices, it ought to be contented to employ them. For the rest, he and possibly others will understand our reason for excluding the letter with which he has favoured us, from the remark, that while it is encouraging to have the favourable opinion of one's fellow-men, public laudations are of value to the recipient only after he has done his best to deserve them.

THE very interesting article in last number, entitled "Christianity in the Palace of the Cæsars," should have been credited to *The Church of Scotland Home and Foreign Missionary Record*. Its style and date lead us to ascribe it to the editor, Principal Tulloch, who has been sojourning in Italy for some time on account of his health.

## News of our Church.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.—A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the College on the 3rd ult. Twenty-three members were present.

The Rev. William Snodgrass of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, was elected Principal and Primarius Professor of Divinity, and the Rev. John H. Mackerras, M.A., was chosen from a list of five candidates to be interim Professor of Classical Literature. Mr. Snodgrass, who received the appointment to the Principalship entirely without solicitation or exertion on his part, has signified his acceptance of the office.

A very important movement was initiated for the endowment of a new Professorship in the Theological Faculty, in commemoration of the late Principal whose devoted zeal in behalf of the University, involving as it did many

personal sacrifices on his part, is considered worthy of some such useful and enduring memorial. Communications from his friends in Scotland were submitted to the Board, expressing a desire to have his name connected with the University in perpetual remembrance, and offering a cordial co-operation for that purpose. A committee, appointed to consider the matter, reported to an adjourned meeting held the following day in favour of the institution of a memorial chair in the Theological Faculty, with which as Primarius Professor of Divinity Dr. Leitch's labours were specially connected, and the Committee was continued with authority to prepare a statement of the proposal, and an appeal in its behalf, which, both from the extremely interesting occasion of it and the