

being the only one in Canada, the "Halifax Record" in Nova Scotia.

Taking a western voyage now, we have nearly 3000 miles to pass over before reaching the chief towns in Canada. Canada is about three times as large as Great Britain and Ireland. The eastern part of it is called Lower Canada; the western, Upper Canada. The two provinces were made one in 1840. British America, however, stretches far away beyond Canada to the shores of the North Pacific. It is agreeable to hear of our brethren of the Church of Scotland in Canada that their zeal in the cause of Education, of Religion, and Missions, is on the increase. An article, which we read some time ago in the "Presbyterian," speaks of a mission to the French Canadian Roman Catholics. Not a few laymen, as well as ministers, are beginning to feel the importance of raising up a native ministry, and of lending effectual aid to various missionary schemes. A noble future seems to lie before Canada. We trust that, as far as Christianity and its blessings are concerned, the Protestants of Canada will long bear a favourable comparison with their neighbours in the United States. It may not be generally known that there are *two Missionary Records* in Canada, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, the "Presbyterian," and the Halifax Record."

UNIVERSITY OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF TRUSTEES.

We understand that the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of this valuable Institution was held at Kingston immediately after the rising of Synod.

Among other important matters which, we learn, occupied the attention of the Trustees, was the appointment of a Principal, which in the opinion of those present could not be longer delayed. Instructions were given to correspond with influential parties in the Church at Home, and to lay the results of such correspondence before an adjourned meeting on the 5th of August. We have great hopes that an appointment will then be made, of which there is little doubt, if a suitable person can be found for this responsible office.

Applications from seven candidates for the vacant chair of Hebrew, Biblical Criticism and Church History were, we understand, laid before the meeting, together with testimonials in support of each. On consideration of the difficulty which would attend a selection without previous knowledge of the testimonials, it was however resolved that the better course would be to have them printed and placed in the hands of the Trustees without delay, and that the appointment should be delayed until the adjourned meeting in August.

We have always cordially advocated the claims of this Institution and we believe that the Church lies under deep obligations to the Professors of Queen's College. Their eminent talents, and unwearied assiduity in the discharge of their duties, amongst the most laborious which can fall to the lot of any one, entitle them to our gratitude and respect.

We trust that the time is not far dis-

tant when our Canadian Theological Hall will be filled by a fuller staff of Professors. It is true that an education most complete and thorough in its character is now given in Queen's College, but this is done by dint of exertions which no one should be called on to make. There is a point beyond which mind cannot be strained without a violation of natural laws; and will the Church permit her School of the Prophets to remain in such a position?

Are there none among our wealthy laymen who will follow the example so lately exhibited in this City, when the exertions of those connected with McGill College have been crowned with success in the raising of £14,000? The endowment of a chair or of the Principality in Queen's College, either in whole or in part, would confer a benefit upon our Church and upon Canada not to be overestimated. For such a purpose £5000 would be an ample sum; and, if this were contributed in one amount, either by donations or legacies, or spread over a term of yearly subscriptions, the chair would, we feel assured, receive the name of the founder, if he should so desire it. Subdivided the same amount could be raised by

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If one of those lists were opened, many contributors might be induced to follow. Who will respond to this appeal? We are glad to see that the Trustees are now taking a step in advance, which our readers should welcome as an earnest of what can be done if our College meets with that support from the Church to which it is entitled. We earnestly trust that the expectations of support which the Trustees have been led to entertain will not be disappointed.

The College must be kept up on an efficient footing and liberally sustained. It has the strongest claims upon our support. Shall it be withheld? We trust not.

While on the subject, we may remark that we think that the plan adopted in this City should be followed in Kingston for the accommodation of the growing Medical School, and a separate inexpensive building erected by a separate local and special effort. The Medical Professors of McGill College took the matter in hand some years ago, and adopted this plan with good results.

We deem it for the interests of the Institution that a similar course should be followed in Kingston. A brick structure of an inexpensive character could easily be erected on a site given from the extensive College Grounds, somewhat removed from the Summerhill Property. All matters affecting this important Institution are deserving of serious consideration by its friends; and therefore we have thrown together the foregoing hints and suggestions, re-

gretting however that we are obliged to glean such information from such sources as we have had access to. We think that the interests of the Institution would be promoted by the regular communication of official intelligence regarding it, and would again press the importance of doing so upon the attention of the authorities of the College.

THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

MENIFICENT DONATION.—We were present at a Meeting of the Members of the Old Kirk of Scotland on Thursday last, when our worthy citizen, Wm. Laing, Esquire, contributed the liberal sum of \$1,300 towards building a new Presbyterian Church in this town, and at the same time offered to advance a loan of £500 for carrying out the same object. Mr. Laing well deserves the wealth with which Providence has blessed him, and may he long live to enjoy it.—*Whitby Chronicle*.

THE LATE ROBERT ARMOUR, ESQ. MONTREAL.

We extract the following from the Minutes of the Session of St. Paul's Church, April 19, 1857:

"The Moderator drew the attention of the Session to the recent death of one of their number, the father of the Session, viz., Robert Armour, Esq., when a minute thereon was read by Mr. Greenshields, approved of, and ordered to be recorded, and a copy to be sent by the Clerk to A. H. Armour, Esq.

"The minute is to the following effect:—"

"The Session of this Church is again called upon to record the death of one of its members, the late Robert Armour, Esq., who died on the 16th inst. in his 76th year.

While it cannot be said that this affliction has come upon us altogether unprepared, inasmuch as increasing bodily infirmities have warned our departed brother and ourselves that his stay with us could not be very long protracted, it is nevertheless a shock to us all, causing the breaking-up of many old ties and friendships; and it is matter for solemn reflection when one, so long connected with us, and for many years so active in the discharge of duty, is called to his account.

Mr. Armour was ordained an Elder in St. Gabriel Street Church many years ago, and officiated there for some time. He was one of those who assisted to build this Church, and he continued to be an active and zealous office-bearer in this congregation for upwards of 20 years, and only ceased to be so when advancing years and failing health compelled him to decline active duty. He never ceased to take a warm interest in every thing connected with the prosperity of the Church, and to contribute liberally to all our congregational schemes.

In humbling ourselves before God in view of this bereavement, we feel at the same time grateful for the long life which was vouchsafed to our departed brother, for the many opportunities afforded to him of doing good, and for his peaceful and Christian death.

In expressing our sympathy with the family of the late Mr. Armour, we feel assured that they will be exceedingly comforted by the reflection that he has departed from us in the blessed hope that he leaves the service of the Church here below to be admitted a member in the Church of Christ's redeemed people in Heaven above."