

At evening time it shall be light, has been fulfilled to Dalhousie College. For a number of years it has been struggling on, striving to fulfil its mission as a provincial, unsectarian, university. It has had to contend both with prejudice and poverty, the latter being to some extent a consequence of the former; the amount given by Government to higher education and which should have been given to a new denominational provincial institution being distributed owing to denominational pressure among a number of denominational Colleges. Owing to this pressure governments have for some time been in a strait betwixt two, either to withdraw all grants for higher education or give aid to denominational Colleges. Of two evils the least has been chosen, and government aid to sectarian Colleges is we trust a thing of the past. But Dalhousie is now able to stand alone. Within the last three years there have been endowed by the gifts of George Munroe, and legacy of Mr. McClell, five or six professorial chairs and three tutorships, and now she occupies a position that her most sanguine friends did not dream of her reaching in so short a time.

The Presbyterian church though in need of funds for carrying on her strictly denominational work, has for a number of years aided Dalhousie in her effort to promote higher education in Nova Scotia.

Presbyterians will rejoice with Dalhousie in her joy, not only for the added efficiency for her work but that now she can stand alone and leave our church free to withdraw her aid and devote her energies to her own institution at Pine Hill.

Our Theological College is now in greater need than Dalhousie, and we trust that there will be no delay in withdrawing our aid from that institution, thus relieving Dalhousie from even the appearance of denominational affinity with which she has been so often charged, and leaving our Educational Funds to be devoted to our own educational work.

## MEETING OF F. M. BOARD.

The F. M. Committee for the Eastern Section met in New Glasgow on the 5th inst.

The chief business was the reports from the Trinidad missionaries for 1882 and their estimates for 1883.

The year has been one of marked progress. Much of the early work in a new mission field is necessarily occupied in sowing the seed. As years pass fruit is more apparent. This year has witnessed the largest ingathering and the most cheering progress of any year in the history of the mission. Tabulated results of the years work will be seen on another page. One marked feature in the work is the liberality of proprietors of estates and of native converts. The cost of the mission to our church is about \$7,500 yearly. The amount given by native converts, by proprietors, and received from Government for Schools, is about \$10,000 per annum.

We regret that the state of Mr. Christie's health has compelled him to resign his connection with the mission. He has been laboring in weakness for some time and his own conviction and the decided opinion of the best medical authority in the island is that he should not run the risk of another wet season there. His resignation has been accepted to take effect at the end of May, Mr. Christie thinking that he will be able to remain in the field through the present dry season.

Mr Christie having expressed a strong desire that Mr. Henry, a minister laboring in the Scotch congregation in San Fernando, who was formerly a missionary in India and knows the Hindoo language, should take the work at Couva, the mission council having in a most cordial manner endorsed the proposal and Mr. Henry having intimated his willingness to accept the position, the Board has agreed to accept his services, and appoint him to that field.