

missionary and christian natives, who are familiar with the native character? We have therefore no doubt of the correctness of the view given by Mr. Geddie as to the causes of Mr. Gordon's death. We think that as events turned out, it is clear that Mr. Gordon placed undue confidence in the natives. But who shall blame him for this. We doubt not that other missionaries on many occasions, have committed themselves to the power of the natives under circumstances to all appearances as full of danger and been preserved and that Mr. Gordon had frequently done the same. That the result was different now we must ascribe to the will of the great disposer of all events. *John Williams*, in committing himself to the power of the natives on the day of his death, only acted as he had been accustomed to do. He could not know the danger from the state of mind of the people at that particular time, and that the result was different from what it had been on so many other occasions is to be traced to the will of Him who disposes all events for his own glory. So with Mr. Gordon. He trusted to the natives in circumstances, where it is now seen it was not safe to do so, but we believe that he did no more than has often been done, and we think it would be something of impiety not to behold the working of his hand, without whom not a sparrow falls to the ground, and who "doeth whatever pleaseth him in the heavens and in the earth, in the seas and in all deep places."

What a deplorable exhibition of human nature have we in the facts stated by Mr. Geddie, regarding some of our own countrymen. To think of Englishmen and Americans becoming actual cannibals ought surely to take the pride out of us regarding our great Anglo-Saxon race, to humble us as partakers of a nature so fallen and degraded, to show us how much we are indebted to the gospel for our elevation, to make us grateful to the giver of all good, for the manner in which he has made us to differ from them, and to present us with new motives for exertion, to rescue our fellow men from their degradation and wretchedness under the dominion of the wicked one.

## OPENING OF DALHOUSIE COLLEGE.

This institution was opened on the afternoon of Tuesday the 10th November.—General Doyle, Administrator of the Government, presided, and made a few suitable observations. The Chief Justice, as Chairman of the Board of Governors, followed and gave a brief sketch of the history of Dalhousie College, and explained the causes that led to its resuscitation under the present favorable auspices. Rev. Professor Ross, Principal of the College, then delivered the Inaugural Address, explaining the nature and importance of the course of study to be pursued by the Students of the institution.

The attendance on the opening proceedings was large and most respectable.—Besides the Governors of the College and many of the leading citizens, we were glad to observe a large representation of Clergy of all denominations. Presbyterian Ministers travelled many miles in order to be present.

A considerable number of Students were present at the opening; and we believe that the number now verges on fifty. As yet there are five professors at their post, namely, Rev. Professor Ross, Principal; Rev. Professor Lyall, Dr. Lawson, Professor McCulloch, and Professor Johnston.

DR. LAWSON was for five years a Professor in Queen's College, Kingston, Canada West. He is a man of distinction in the scientific world, and the Canadians are greatly regretting the loss they have sustained in his removal. Professor Johnston is also from Canada, and his attainments and experience as a teacher are highly spoken of. The other three Professors need no introduction to the readers of the *Record*. Professor McDONALD, who is to occupy the Mathematical chair, is expected from Scotland in course of three weeks.

We trust that the establishment of this institution will prove of essential service to the Students of the Presbyterian Church, as well as the community at large. At Truro, our young men could avail themselves of the instructions of three Professors; this arrangement allows them six; and though the expense of our educational department of work as a Church is not