

sentiment, that co-operation in education by all the branches of the Presbyterian Church was determined upon previously to the Union of 1875.

The experiment of sending men to be educated in Scotland did not prove practically satisfactory. Too many of the best of these young men were picked up by Scottish congregations. Many more found fields of labor elsewhere than in Nova Scotia, where they were so much required. Brethren, themselves overwhelmed with work, and sorrowing over the spectacle of long vacant fields, saw their brethren of the other body rapidly filling up their vacancies by efficient home-trained men. Fine theories gave way in presence of urgent necessities. The first effort in co-operation was put forth in the reorganization of Dalhousie College. To Principal Grant, at that time pastor of St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, unquestionably pertains the honor of inaugurating the movement of co-operation. The services rendered to the cause of our common Presbyterianism at this time by Dr. Grant have never been adequately acknowledged. He was ably assisted, chiefly by our esteemed Dr. Pollok, and to a less extent by others that might be named. In three years, beginning in 1862, these dauntless men raised the sum of \$22,000 for the endowment of a chair in Dalhousie College. Without this generous effort it would have been very difficult to have started Dalhousie on the prosperous career which it is now pursuing.

This was not all. Prompted undoubtedly by the same band of patriotic and large-hearted men, among whom honourable mention should be made of Rev. D. A. McLean and Dr. McRae, the Maritime Synod, a year before the Union of 1875, petitioned the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland to appoint an additional professor in Theology. Early in 1875, in response to this request, the appointment was made, and Dr. Pollok was appointed to a position upon the teaching staff of our college, the Colonial Committee generously paying his salary for some years until the united Church was adjudged strong enough to do so itself.

Thus, out of cloud and tempest—out of hopeful toil and weary waiting—grew our Maritime College. Its course since 1875 has been humble, but hopeful and progressive. It has stood many a strain, for "a three-fold cord is not easily broken." It has still upon its staff men who represent the three-fold source from which it sprang. Dr. McKnight fittingly represents the Free Church, Dr. Currie the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, in whose bosom he was born and educated, and Dr. Pollok the Maritime Synod, of which he was for many years an honored member, before he was called to his professorial duties. The Church, and especially the Alumni of the College, are proud of the teaching staff, while they would gladly see it increased, so that onerous duties might be further distributed and the range of study widened.

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