have the sole use of it, but that it shall be consecrated as a fair and available offering on the altar of Christ.

Many may be startled at the idea of the large expenditure which would be necessary to effect the objects suggested in this report; but such persons are not, perhaps, sufficiently impressed with the fact, that "the Earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof." Perhaps they do not lay to heart that in the beginning the disciples of Christ had "all things common;" to impress apparently on all future ages the unreserved extent of Christ's claim to the property as well as persons of His people. He gave them a large patrimony, when it could be said of them with truth, that "all was their's;" and it set his claim in a convincing and affecting light, when the Apostle added, "and ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's." Nor have such objectors, possibly, calculated either the amount that we do give, or that we might give to the cause of the Redeemer. One may fasten his eye on such an object as Horton Academy, and numbering over the monies expended on it in the course of nine years, tell over the amount of £2 or £3000, as an immense sum to have been given by the Baptists of Nova Scotia; and may think that man mad who shall come to him with a request for more, after thousands have been already contributed. But is this the true way to treat the matter? rather let each one of us put to himself the question, "What have I given ?" "Am I, individually, impoverished or straightened in the least by my contributions to this or any other benevolent or religious object? It were well if I were, for then I should have the honour of suffering for Christ's sake." But, in fact, your Committee allege, very little after all is done by us for the promotion of that cause, for which the Saviour paid the price of his own precious blood. As for the monies expended on Horton, these are small, compared with the objects already attained-an excellent Academy, second to none in the Province; together with a good property, and commodious buildings for the purpose, shortly, we trust, to be freed from all debt: but beyond this what do we, that we should so soon plead poverty? What is the amount of our contributions to the Bible cause? not £300 a year from every denomination in the whole of Nova-Scotia. How much is

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