

the mind will have but little control over its intellectual powers, and will be unable to bring them to bear, with much stability and success, upon a definite object. Without the power of fixing the attention upon subjects to give them a thorough investigation, in their attributes, relations, and bearings, a man cannot "study to show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Ministers are charged with the message of God to man, containing a revelation of himself, of his works, his providence, his government, and gospel, involving the eternal destinies of mankind and the glory of the Godhead. On all these vast subjects he should bring out the doctrine of the word, with a simplicity and precision which babes in Christ may understand. The intellectual and moral powers of the ministry, should be cultivated by that kind of labour, that will put them in possession of the greatest amount of knowledge on all the subjects, which they are required to bring out before the church in her enfeebled condition, and the world lying in darkness and ruin. With these grand ends in view, the *Canada Baptist College* was established; and I would express my gratitude to Almighty God, that the Institution is capable, with the blessing of heaven, of being rendered efficient to qualify young men of talent and piety for the Christian Ministry; and if it be well sustained, it may be rendered what the denomination and the cause of God most evidently demand in Canada.

Having read an article in the Magazine of June on *Ministerial Support*, I am confident it will meet the approbation of many of your readers, for those who live under the highest inspiration of religion will welcome the consideration of this subject, because I know that they grieve for the inadequate attention

paid to that, which so deeply affects the interest of the church; while those, who, like Mr. L., would gladly lose sight of the grand Christian duty, or blot it from the code of Scripture and the Christian breast, are the very persons for whose "correction and instruction in righteousness," we are compelled to unfold the duty, and whom we must urge to that obedience which heaven demands, for its honour and their highest good. It is the Divine appointment that the Church of Christ should support its ministers. Justly, therefore, the Apostle says to the Corinthian Church, 1st Epistle, ix. 7—14: "Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? Even so hath the Lord ordained, that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel."

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(To be continued.)

OBITUARY.

Died, at the residence of her father, in the Township of Zorra, on the 9th of April last, Miss Mariah Louisa Hull, daughter of Mr. Hendrick C. Hull, in the 24th year of her age.

Miss Hull was born at Bennington, Vt., on the 20th of July 1816. In 1821 her father removed to Upper Canada, and was one of the first settlers in the new Township of Zorra. Foreseeing the difficulties, however, under which he must labour for the first few years in the woods, with regard to the education of his children, he very prudently left the subject of this notice with her friends in Bennington that she might enjoy the advantage of the excellent schools in that place. She arrived in Canada in the summer of 1825. She was then very young, though young as she was, she was even then giving repeated proofs of possessing the germs of those amiable qualities, that afterwards so greatly endeared her to all her acquaintances. One instance in particular, I think worthy of being recorded, both because it will tend more than any thing else to exhibit her character in its true light, and at the same time furnish a noble example for other children who may be placed in similar cir-