

systematic, brotherly, liberal arrangement by which the strong might help the weak, and the weak in their turn those who are weaker still. Churches are now in course of erection, or else very much required, in about twenty-five different stations and congregations of our Synod. Now all of us would cheerfully give a little towards the erection of the twenty-five. A very few pence from every member of all our churches would be of most material service. At present some are helped and some left forlorn to themselves. Should the minister happen to be a "valiant beggar," all will go smoothly enough. But to some ministers it would be martyrdom to be sent off on a begging expedition.

It is not well for a church any more than for an individual to have "too many irons in the fire." We must not undertake many new schemes or enterprises till some of the old ones are placed in a satisfactory position. But we believe that a "Church Erection Fund" will soon attract the earnest attention of the Synod.

The subject of Female Education has been mooted again and again. The Presbytery of Prince Edward Island is at present attempting to grapple with it for the Protestant community there. Something should be done in Nova Scotia; and it is more than likely that next Synod will be called upon take some action in the matter. In the mean time let it be carefully thought over by our ministers and elders, and by the intelligent fathers and mothers in the church. Our church cannot without most serious detriment neglect making provision for the higher education of young ladies.

Our Foreign Mission enterprise as at present conducted will require an annual outlay of say \$4000.

Our Home Mission work requires NOT LESS than the Foreign Mission; and it would be better of a great deal more.

Our Educational operations require collections and donations to the amount of nearly \$1600.

The next meeting of Synod will be held in St. John. The expenses connected with it will necessarily be much greater than if the meeting were held here or at Pictou or

Truro. The collections for the Synod Fund should not fall short of £200.

After all, the sums we have named are not very formidable. There are members of our church whose annual income is many times larger than the whole amount! Let us not therefore be discouraged by the many claims and calls upon us. Let us hear Christ speaking through them all; and what we give, let us give it to HIM: for though He was rich yet for our sakes He became poor that we through His poverty might be made rich.

A living Church must be a working, a giving, an enterprising Church. If we rest on our laurels we shall fall a prey to the enemy. Strifes and feuds and divisions will creep in among us, and we shall become a hissing and a bye-word to the world and a stumbling-block in the way of Christ's people. Pray that God may give us work to do for Himself and grace to do it!

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### THE COLLEGE.

We are happy to announce that ten students will finish their Theological curriculum this month. This, if we remember rightly, is the largest number with which the church has yet been favored in any one year. This is a much needed reinforcement—most welcome, most providential. At home and abroad, the cry is for more laborers. New stations are multiplying; new congregations are being formed. The ten young men who will enter the field as probationers and home missionaries this summer will speedily be "absorbed." The Presbytery of Halifax alone could well employ five of them. New Brunswick would not be supplied if the whole ten were at once settled there. Cape Breton needs, we will not venture to say how many.

It is to be regretted that for the next two years we cannot expect so large a supply of young preachers from the College. There are this winter only two students of the second year. This number will be increased it is probable by the attendance of a few who are necessarily absent this winter.

There is no good reason, however, why our College should not turn out from eight