

Mr. Sutherland being present, the call was put into his hands by the Moderator, and being requested to say whether he accepted the same, Mr. S. stated that notwithstanding all the consideration he had given to this subject, he did not feel it to be his duty to close with the call. From the reasons advanced by Mr. Sutherland, the Presbytery deferred coming to any judgment in the case, and appointed the following Committee to deal with Mr. S. in the whole matter of the call, viz., The Moderator, Rev. Messrs. Forrester and Lyall.

The same committee was appointed to examine all students that may yet come forward, with a view to their joining the Divinity Hall.

The following supplies were then made: Nov. 27—Dartmouth, Prof. King; St. John's, Prof. Lyall. Dec. 4—St. John's, Mr. Forrester; Dartmouth, Prof. Lyall; Goodwood, Prof. King. Dec. 11—Sackville, Prof. Lyall; Dartmouth and St. John's, Prof. King. Dec. 18—St. John's, Prof. Lyall; Dartmouth, Prof. King.—Dec. 25—St. John's, Prof. King; Dartmouth, Prof. Lyall.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place on Wednesday the 28th Decr., which being duly intimated this sederunt was closed with prayer.

ENCOURAGING PROSPECTS OF OUR COLLEGE.

It affords us the highest satisfaction to announce that there is a considerable increase of Students in attendance at the various departments of our educational Institutions this winter. At the Academy there have been enrolled not less than ten new pupils from Cape Breton alone, the greater proportion of whom will, in all probability, prosecute their studies with a view to the ministry. This we hold to be one of the most favourable symptoms of the advancing condition of our educational movement—a symptom vastly more cheering than even a large accession of numbers to the classes of the College proper. In every new country perhaps the greatest difficulty to be contended with, in collegiate Institutions, is the want of a thorough elementary training in the students seeking admission—not that there is any deficiency of capacity or of anxiety for learning on the part of these students. Quite the reverse; for, from no small amount of observation, we hesitate not to aver that the intellects of our Colonial youth are naturally as ta-

lented and as susceptible of cultivation as those of the home youth. What is wanting, and what gives rise to the deficiency referred to, are common well taught schools scattered throughout every settlement of the Colonies, and a gradual succession of thoroughly equipped Grammar Schools and Academies. But whilst this state of things exists to a sad extent in these Provinces, surely it must be matter of thankfulness to perceive that the young men themselves are apprehending the innumerable advantages flowing from a sound elementary education, as is evinced by so great a number availing themselves of the Academy so efficiently conducted by the three teachers, Messrs. Munro, Fowler, and McKay, and we trust the numbers in this department will go on increasing.

There is also a considerable addition of Students at the classes of the College, and from the proceedings of the Presbytery as above recorded, it will be seen that these and the more advanced students, gave, in the examination, entire satisfaction. It must have been gratifying to all interested in our Collegiate Institution that the Deputies of the Free Church were present at this examination, and that these gentlemen should have expressed themselves so highly pleased with the whole appearance and attainments of the students. It must be not less gratifying to all the friends of our cause in these Provinces, to know that the only students that have yet gone forth from our College fully accredited, are labouring with great acceptability in their respective fields. One of these has already been ordained over two large and important congregations, the Straits of Canseau and River Inhabitants, in the latter of which an elegant place of worship has been erected during the course of last summer; and the congregations of both settlements are in a very thriving condition. Another of these licentiates has lately received a unanimous call from the congregations amongst whom he has been labouring ever since he was invested with authority to preach the gospel, to become their stated pastor, and could there be stronger evidence of his usefulness and success? And another of them is now occupying a prominent and important position—supplying the stations of the Bend of Petitcodiac and Shediac, N. B., preaching at both stations every successive Sabbath, though these are 15 or 16 miles apart, and labouring with