

OUR COLLEGE.

The value of honest and believing prayer in connection with effort to train up faithful ministers of Christ, has been repeatedly brought forward by the Subscribers to the British North American Congregational College, in their request that the Churches observe the second Sabbath in October as a day of special prayer for the blessing of God upon the Institution. The experience of several years has deepened the impression of the wisdom and piety of such a dedication of all the interests of our School of the Prophets, to the care and smile of our Lord and Master. We expect again to hear of a general and cordial response to this annual request. The churches will prove that to keep this object near to their heart, will nurse within themselves the true material out of which God draws forth men for his service; and will also bring, in their time of need, those raised up and qualified by His Spirit to be Pastors and Teachers. The prosperity of the cause of Christ is closely connected with the maintenance of a holy, faithful, and efficient Ministry. A Ministry with these characteristics is demanded, by the nature of the work to which it is set apart, and by the urgent and pressing claims of our age and country. It is only by a divinely appointed and prepared agency that the work of the world's conversion can be accomplished. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

 THE PRESENT ASPECT OF THE STRUGGLE IN THE STATES OF AMERICA.

Even while we write, new developments may give another aspect to the deadly feud between North and South. There is indeed an ultimate issue which God Almighty is working out, which no to-morrow can rend away from his plan, and which we fervently hope is freedom for the enslaved. We are firmly persuaded that there is too much vital godliness in America, to allow the dark spot of Slavery to deepen in loathsomeness and exhale its corrupt influences over the land. That power which the churches of Christ in Britain exerted in the movements culminating in the emancipation of the bondsmen in the West Indies, might justly be called into operation, by the Churches of the North uttering an indignant protest against the dishonour done to Christianity by every temporizing policy in public affairs, which shakes the faith of the friend of the slave in the ultimate purpose of the powers that be. A right direction we hope will be given to an enlightened religious conviction, by the engagements of the day of public humiliation, fasting and prayer, observed on the last Thursday of September. May the true cause of humiliation come into many hearts, leading to righteous determinations.

We felt grateful to observe the record of reform in the army, by the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors among the soldiers, and the promulgation of the following general order by General McClellan.—

“*General Order No. 7.*—The Major General commanding, desires and requests that in future there may be a more perfect respect for the Sabbath on the part of his command. We are fighting in a holy cause, and should endeavour to deserve the benign favour of the Creator. Unless in the case of an attack by the enemy,