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### FREE PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

This court held its ordinary meeting here, in the new College, on Wednesday, the first current; when M. Alexander Campbell, student in divinity, was examined in order to his enrolment for the second session of his theological curriculum.

The Presbytery, in consideration of the impracticability of visiting the congregations of Newfoundland and Bermuda, in fulfilment of the appointment of the Synod in regard to the Sustentation of the Ministry and the Professorial Fund, instructed the Rev. Alexander Forrester to correspond with the congregation of Bermuda, and the Rev. Professor Lyall to correspond with the congregation of St. John's, Newfoundland, in order to ascertain what has been done by them respectively, and to stir them up to a faithful discharge of their duty, with respect to both of these objects.

These two congregations have shown a most creditable degree of energy in the efforts which they have made to secure for themselves the enjoyment of religious ordinances dispensed according to the scriptural principles of the Free Church; and these efforts have been highly successful. Their connexion, however, with the Church here, from the remoteness of their situation, may be said to have been, till of late, merely nominal. They seem, in consequence, to have taken but little interest in the general affairs of the church with which nevertheless they were formally connected; and, with the exception of a congregational contribution for one year, and two or three handsome donations subsequently, from individuals in Newfoundland, nothing has been done by either of them, so far as yet reported, in behalf of the Professorial Fund. Both congregations have had occasion to know that the connexion now has a substantial meaning, and may be highly beneficial; and now that the College is beginning to tell upon the community, and to appear, not as a mere project, but a reality, it is to be hoped its claims will no longer be overlooked by them, that the Collectors' cards will at length be filled up, and that liberal contributions will indicate their determination, through God's blessing, to perpetuate, and to extend, as far as their influence can reach, the religious privileges which they themselves have been taught to prize.

The Presbytery appointed their next ordinary meeting to be held in the same place, here, on the last Wednesday of this month.

### THE COLLEGE AND ACADEMY

Although at a later period than was expected, the workmen have at length finished their alterations on St. John's Church, and the classes are now in full operation within the new premises. There are at present twenty-two students in attendance on the classes of the College—Nine of these are engaged with the preliminary branches under Professor Lyall. Six are first year's students, and seven are second year's students, in theology, under Professor King. There are about thirty-eight pupils attending the Academy, under the charge of Mr. George Munro, the Rector, assisted by Mr. James Fowler and Mr. Niel McKay. Each teacher has his classes comfortably accommodated in a separate apartment; and all this without interfering with St. John's school, which continues to be numerously attended, and most efficiently conducted, under the superintendence of Mr. William Murray and Mr. Hector McKay.

### THE RECORD.

This number completes the second year, and the first volume of the Record. We regret that the few communications which we have received, and for which we return our grateful acknowledgments, have not enabled us to give that variety and amount of local information that might have been desirable, and which there was every reason to expect. This we believe will be amended in future.—In the mean time, we would trust that, notwithstanding many imperfections in the management, the Record thus far has been useful, and has shown itself to be an organ which the Church ought to maintain. We are persuaded it has capabilities of being rendered still more useful in time to come.

We do not think we are asking more of our ministers than might be expected of them, when we solicit a more decided effort than has yet been made in behalf of the Record, whether as to contributions, or the promotion of its circulation.—Circumscribed as our Church is in its operations, there are proceedings frequently taking place, the details of which might be interesting, and with which the Church at large ought to be acquainted. Our congregations have been too much left