

4. Conveyances heretofore made of any lands or real estate, with a view to the erection of any church, or any school in connexion with a church, or of any manse or parsonage thereon, and whereon such church, school house, manse, or parsonage shall have been erected, and shall be now or at any time hereafter owned by any congregation in connexion with the said united body, shall be held, notwithstanding any want of form therein, to pass the fee simple in such land to the trustees of such Church duly appointed under Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, or under Chapter 2 of the Acts of 1860, or under this Act.

5. Conveyances of any lands or real estate, heretofore made to Trustees, or to Trustees and their successors, for the use of any congregation or any church now or hereafter to be in connexion or communion with the said united body, shall be deemed valid conveyances in fee simple, notwithstanding that the heirs of the Trustees are not named, and notwithstanding that the manner of appointing successors is not provided in such conveyance.

6. The provisions of this Act shall not extend to the church or the church property of the congregation of the Rev. John Gunn, of Broad Cove Intervale, in the County of Inverness, and other of his preaching stations, or to the churches or church property of any of the congregations formerly in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, or with the Free Church of Nova Scotia, which, by the vote of a majority of such congregation, passed at a public meeting thereof duly convened within three months, after thirty days' public notice given by handbills posted in at least five public places within the limits of the congregation, declare their desire to be excepted from the operation of this Act.

7. Nothing in this act contained shall abridge or take away the rights or privileges of any pewholder or any other person or persons whomsoever, without just compensation being first made to such person or persons, to be ascertained in case of disagreement by arbitrators mutually to be chosen.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENCE OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND HALL.

In presenting their Annual statement the Board desire to express their thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church for the marked prosperity and success, which continue to attend our Educational enterprise.

During the past Session forty-two Students were in attendance upon the Institution in Truro. Of these five were from New Brunswick; three from P. E. Island, three from Cape Breton; and thirty-one from Nova Scotia proper. As usual, great diversity of attainment appeared at their entering, and of course there was considerable difference at the close of the Session; but both from their own observation, on the day of examination, and from the testimony of Professors, the Board are satisfied that during the past term, the diligence of the Students was satisfactory and their progress creditable. Improvement in the regularity and punctuality of the attendance is specially noted. This statement, however, is to be accompanied with the qualification that a number of the Students left the Institution the week before the classes closed. No explanation of this step is offered, but it is believed that it proceeded from exigencies of position, that necessitated engaging in employment, to provide for the expenses of an ensuing term. A petition from the Students, bearing, at least indirectly, upon this question, has been submitted to the Board for transmission to the Synod, and is appended to this report.

At a meeting of the Board in July last, it was voted to place at disposal of Professors Three Hundred Pounds, for the purpose of adding to the stock of chemicals, to the apparatus and to the Library. Of this sum, the amount actually expended cannot be stated precisely, as the bills from booksellers and others have not yet been received, but it is probably between One hundred, and One hundred and fifty pounds.