

cause for joy and thanksgiving. In the hands of such men, we feel that the interests of our Zion are safe.

FARTHER ACCESSIONS.

Rev. James Gauld from Ontario has come to our aid in the Lower Provinces, at least for a time, and we trust permanently. After spending a few weeks in the Presbytery of St. John, he gave one month's service in Prince Edward Island, and proceeds next to Pictou Presbytery.

During the present month, we expect Rev. Mr. Gillies of St. Pierre Baptiste, in the Province of Quebec, to take part in the missionary work of St. John Presbytery; and thus the Head of the Church is providing for our vacant charges and missionary outfields beyond our expectations. Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness!

Rev. Dr. Finlayson died suddenly at Oban, while on a visit to a brother minister. He retired in apparent health to awake in a better world. His congregation had shortly previous presented him with a purse containing a thousand guineas, and the body to which he belonged with Two thousand guineas, as an acknowledgment of public services.—Rev. Dr. Marshall, of Conpar Angus, received from his people a testimonial of £1,500, in the 42 year of his Pastorate.—Rev. Dr. Robertson of Irvine has just been presented with a testimonial of 5000 guineas, with request to rest for a second year in the hope that he may then be restored to them in health.—Rev. James Robertson of Edinburgh, the Dr.'s brother, and at least his equal in excellence of character, and in the possession of his people's affection, has been presented with a Colleague to lighten his labours—Mr. Young, M. A., a young minister of great promise. Pulpit Gowns, with addresses of congratulation, were presented to both ministers at a Congregational Soiree, and the brother ministers, Free as well as U. P., gathered around the venerated Father to testify their high esteem and affectionate regards.

Dalhousie College.

The Session for 1872-73 has had an auspicious opening. Argyll Hall was filled, and the number of Students present was greater than on any former occasion. The matriculation class is large, and the Students in Arts and Medicine now turn the hundred. Dr. Ross presided, and Dr. Lawson delivered a practical and popular Inaugural, followed by Dr. Woodill, who represented the Medical Department, and performed his part efficiently. Class-Rooms have been renovated, a reading room and

other accommodation provided, and six hundred dollars worth of Apparatus added.

"Dalhousie College Gazette" has again made its appearance, and, in our opinion, is highly creditable to the young men who have it in charge. The later numbers of last year contained one or two articles which were highly objectionable, and drew forth just censure; but we have understood that their admission was the result of oversight, and will be guarded against in future.

The next step in the usefulness and progress of Dalhousie College, is the providing of proper intellectual and literary culture for young ladies. We do not mean that the sexes should be united in the same classes. We do mean that Halifax has no adequate provision for the education of our daughters; and that, if the Governors and Professors of Dalhousie College will set themselves in earnest to meet this great, felt, and growing want, they will earn the gratitude, not only of the present, but of future generations. The time has come for grappling with this question, and none has so clear a call and so fine a field for action in the matter as the Dalhousie faculty.

A. W. POLLOCK.

In the *Record* of September there is a short notice of a "Student gone"! A brief but valuable testimony is given of the deceased as a candidate preparing for the work of the ministry. A more extended account of the history and life of this young man may be an incitement, both for parents to devote their sons to the work of the Lord, and to young men to dedicate themselves to that work, after which there are so few aspirants in the multiplying engagements of this short life.

Mr. Alexander W. Pollock was one of twelve children, reared by pious, though by no means wealthy, parents. He received his earliest instructions in a country school, by no means eminent in training the youthful mind. After acquiring the scant measure of knowledge afforded in this primitive nursery, he spent two terms at the High School in New Glasgow, where he made rapid progress in those studies preparatory to a college course. His parents being unable to supply the requisite funds for a college course of study, Providence comes to the aid of the willing youth. The Presbytery of Pictou, on the testimony of his minister to his moral worth, awarded him the McKenzie Bursary of *Forty-eight* (\$48) dollars, which, with his own earnest and diligent efforts in teaching during the summer months, enabled him to finish the course of study prescribed by the church before entering the Divinity Hall. He graduated this spring at Dalhousie College.