

tra. tive and useful speaking, and so on. They always provided for a succession in their ministry. We talk of Luther and Calvin in the days of the Reformation, but we must remember that these men became what they were largely through their power to stamp their image and superscription upon other men with whom they came in contact. If you went to Wurtemberg, it was not Luther only that you saw, but Luther's college, the men around him, the students all being formed into young Lutherans under his direction. It was the same at Geneva. How much Scotland owes to the fact that Calvin could instruct John Knox. How much have other nations derived from the little republic of Switzerland, on account of Calvin having the clear common sense to perceive that one man could not hope to affect a whole nation, except by multiplying himself and spreading his views, by writing them on the fleshy tablets of the hearts of young and earnest men! The churches seem to have forgotten this. The Countess of Huntingdon did not forget it. As soon as she perceived that the masses needed to be leavened with the Gospel, she saw at once that there must be an institution for the further training of these young men who had begun to speak. It is nothing but sanctified common sense that leads the Church to the formation of a college."

This witness is true, and we trust that his testimony will be well weighed, and will receive a hearty and practical endorsement from all our churches at the proper time. It may be the partiality of an alumnus for his Alma Mater, but we regard the college as the key-stone of Canadian Congregationalism. We know that it has been so regarded by the Colonial Missionary Society, and we therefore claim for it a cordial and generous support.

THE REV. R. WILSON ON CONGREGATIONALISM.

The Halifax *Presbyterian Witness*, under date of July 9th, contains an account of the formal reception of the Rev. R. Wilson, late pastor of the Congregational Church in Sheffield, N. B., into the Presbyterian Church, from which we make the following extract:—

"At the invitation of the Moderator Mr. Wilson briefly addressed the Synod. His application to be received into the Presbyterian Church was not the result of sudden impulse or of a momentary difficulty. For several years he had diligently visited nearly all the Congregational Churches in the Lower Provinces, aiding his brethren all he could. He saw how great were their difficulties, and how helpless they were in certain emergencies. This tended to unsettle his convictions as to the soundness of the system; and his present decision has been reached calmly, deliberately, prayerfully. Every hour that passes over his head convinces him more and more that the step he has taken is right. His determination is to devote all his time, talents, and energies to the promoting of the cause of Christ in connection with this Church.

"On motion of Dr. Bayne, seconded by Mr. Christie, the Synod sustained the action of the Presbytery of St. John, and remitted to that Presbytery to admit Mr. Wilson as a minister of this church. The Presbytery retired, and in a few minutes returned, and introduced the Rev. Mr. Wilson to the Moderator, who in the name of the Synod gave him the right hand of fellowship."

The surprise felt by all Mr. Wilson's friends at his leaving the ministry of the Congregational body, after a connection with it of thirty-five years standing, will, we venture to say, be not a little increased when