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It is pleasant to notice how rapidly Dalhousie College has risen in the estimation of the wisest men of all creeds and parties. The late appeal of the Governors brought this out in a very striking way. Every newspaper in the city, the *Chronicle* and *Colonist*, the *Citizen* and *Express*, the *Recorder* and *Reporter*, had Editorials in praise of the way the College is doing its work, and urging the public generally to contribute twice or five times the amount that was asked for. And indeed the College does need five times the amount the Governors ventured to ask. One of the great difficulties it has to contend with is the profound ignorance common among us as to what a College is and what it needs. And this ignorance, though lamentable, is not to be wondered at. When each little sect of thirty or forty thousand people fancy that it ought to have a College all to itself, it is no wonder if the people fancy that a College needs to be but a small affair. The sin of those who ought to know something on this subject, but who refuse to tell the people the truth, is very great. Some may ask, is this money absolutely needed? We answer that for the best interests of the flower of our youth, and of the whole Province through them, it is. If young men have to be told by Professors that certain scientific facts are what their text books say, but that for want of apparatus they cannot show them to be so, who suffer? The young men that we send to College to begin with, but in the end the whole country. In addition to the annual sum the Governors asked for, the College should have \$1500 at once to spend on apparatus for the two Faculties. Who will send?

The success of Dalhousie hitherto is

certainly most gratifying to all who hold the principle of unsectarian Collegiate education. What other College in Nova Scotia can show seven Professors and seventy-four students in Arts, or half as many? What other has its Governors, and Professors, and Students of every Denomination? What other can give such public proofs of the quality of the education supplied by it? And since the Government is not yet doing the work it ought to do, is not seeing to it that there shall be at any rate one place in the Province where our young men may study with the advantages around them that young men in all other civilized countries have, let the liberal and the intelligent of our people do something to supply the want.

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#### THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE C. P. CHURCH ON THE UNION QUESTION.

The General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church held a special meeting at Toronto for the purpose of considering the action of the Joint Committee on Union, held at Montreal in the month of September last. We give an outline of the General Assembly's discussions on the several measures adopted by the Committee, so that our readers may judge for themselves the spirit by which the negotiating churches are actuated in seeking to accomplish a union of Presbyterianism in the Provinces of British North America.

The adjourned meeting of the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church commenced its session on the evening of November 7th, at Knox Church, Toronto. There was a large gathering of delegates. The Moderator, the Rev. John Scott, took the chair at half-past seven, the Revs. Messrs. Reid and Fraser acting as clerks.

The meeting having been opened with devotional exercises,