

the Church of Scotland branch of the Presbyterian Church there. He mentions the somewhat startling fact that, while during the last twelve years the Colonial Committee have sent out twelve missionaries to the Synod of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, or on an average one yearly, precisely the same number of them have left the bounds of the Synod, which he can only explain by supposing either that they had been superior men to what could be suitably provided for in so poor a colony, or of such unpopular gifts as to call forth little support from the community. He contrasts the prosperity of "the other Presbyterian body" in Nova Scotia, which it is presumed consists of an amalgamation of Free and U.P.'s, having a Divinity Hall, with the barely stationary condition of the Church of Scotland Synod without such adjunct,—stating that in 1841 "the other Presbyterian body" had twenty-four ministers, and the Synod in connection with us twenty-three—while the former has now above one hundred, and the latter not quite so many as in 1841; but, as obviously important facts—such as the intervening Secession in 1843—are overlooked, this contrast is of little use. He anticipates greater good from a Divinity Hall in the Lower Provinces than has been hitherto realised, or can be expected, from the similar Hall at Kingston,—the average yearly number of licentiates during the last six years from the Kingston Hall having been only *five*, and the secular openings for clever young men in Upper Canada being numerous and tempting; whereas throughout Nova Scotia a much larger number of eligible candidates for the ministry could readily be obtained were the facilities for study increased by the institution of an easily accessible Divinity Hall. Mr. Pollok adds that accommodation for classes could easily be obtained in three large rooms connected with St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, and that the late Rev. Mr. Martin having bequeathed a very fine library for their future Divinity Hall, they have not everything to provide; and that, moreover, so soon as the subscriptions for the endowment of one of the literary professorships in Dalhousie College are fully gathered in, they would forthwith set about doing something towards endowing the Professorship of Divinity, and thus relieve the funds of the Colonial Committee of the annual sum which the Synods are now soliciting.