

haps, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, and the Synod in connexion with the Church of Scotland at their last meetings in Halifax, was most gratifying. You may be assured that this christian drawing together was refreshing to many enlightened followers of Jesus, not only in Nova Scotia and the Lower Provinces, but also in Canada and elsewhere. The manifestation is prized because it was cordial. It was not a mere paper proposal. "The inner man of the heart" evidently prompted and spoke in it. Very great praise is due to the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia for their zeal in organizing congregations, educating ministers, and sending gospel missionaries to the heathen. The response of your Synod to their overtures, demonstrated your appreciation of their zeal and laudable exertions.

The notice in your November No. of the "Monthly Record" respecting "Dalhousie College," induces the hope, that ere long some progress may be made towards an educational machinery, that will prove effective by the blessing of the Lord of the vineyard, in preparing from among your own young youth, ministerial labourers who shall go and work in His vineyard. It is deeply to be regretted that the Church of Scotland has not been able to originate and establish "schools of the prophets" than she has, in those vast colonial fields where so many of her children are to be found. In addition to India and Canada, why should there not be Collegiate Institutions for training a native ministry for the service of the Gospel of Christ in Australia, in Nova Scotia, &c. Do we believe that our doctrinal instruction and christian spirit are excellent? We rather ought we faithfully, energetically and practically to act upon our views. Unless we do so we shall never realize large extension or prosperity. To rely solely upon the church at home for a supply of ministers is imbecility. To spend time in idle lamentation over "the waste places of our Zion," without girding up the loins of our mind, and taking wise steps to remedy the evil, something like using "frivolous and vexatious words."

May we not hope then that in Nova Scotia, with a member of the Kirk at the head of the Government, the Kirk and the U. Presbyterian will soon have the full benefit of Dalhousie College as a preparatory Institution in Literature and Science, for the higher grades of education, and for those christian men who are willing to devote themselves to the service of the Lord in "the work of the ministry." If the Lower Provinces had the benefit of such a university, our churches there men who with advantage to the church and honor to themselves could discharge the duties of Theological Professors.

A CANADIAN MINISTER.

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### Wallace and Pugwash.

We understand that a meeting of the friends and adherents of the church of Scotland, connected with the above congregations was held at Wallace, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult. The object of the meeting was to devise means for collecting funds to be sent home, as an expression of their gratitude to the Colonial Committee, for sending out Missionaries to this colony, from one of whom they had been receiving frequent services during the past year. Upwards of fifty heads of families and others attended. The meeting having been opened with prayer by the Rev. George Harper, Mr Henderson, Wallace River, was unanimously called to preside. The following resolutions were then unanimously passed, viz.

I.—It was moved by Mr. John McNeill, and seconded by Mr. Alexander Ross, both of the Ridge, Stake Road, that, as the congregations of Wallace and Pugwash have, during the past year, been receiving various Missionary services from the Presbytery of Pictou, in connection with the church of Scotland, this meeting recognise it as both a duty and a privilege, to institute a subscription among the friends of that church in these two localities in order to defray the necessary expenses.

II.—It was moved by Alexander Macfarlane, Esq. M.P.P. Wallace, and seconded by Mr. Wellwood Macnab, Malagash, that for the purpose of carrying out the foregoing resolution, the following gentlemen be appointed Collectors for the different districts, (it being understood that subscribers are expected to call on them;) and after ascertaining from the Clerk of Presbytery the amount due for such services, according to the ordinary rate of charge, that the amount, or as near thereto as possible, be duly remitted to him, for the purpose of being forwarded to the Secretary to the Colonial Committee, as a token of their gratitude for past favours.

William Macnab, Esq. Merchant, Wallace, General Collector and Treasurer for the District.

Mr. Donald Macnab,	Collector for Fox Harbour.
Mr. Neil McIvor,	" " Gulf Shore.
Mr. Daniel B. Munro,	" " Stake Road.
Mr. Donald McKenzie,	" " North Shore.
William Cooper, Esq., M.P.	" " Pugwash.

### Young Men's Christian Associations.

It is truly delightful to hear of these excellent associations being instituted so rapidly and supported so extensively, in the principal cities and towns of the Provinces. It is not many years since a few young pious men, belonging, we understand, to the same establishment in London, were in the habit of meeting together for prayer, and for the purpose of devising means to diffuse religious knowledge, and increase vital religion among their own class. Suspected by their employer, he followed them on one occasion, to their place of meeting, taking care that he should not be seen by them. He remained outside the door and overheard their deliberations and their prayers. The result

was, that, having induced them subsequently to divulge their plans, he gave them a handsome subscription with which to commence operations. This, we believe, was the origin of these Christian Associations, which are now so numerous in the old and new worlds. From an Island paper, we perceive that an Institution of this kind has been established in Charlottetown, with every promise of being successful. On Wednesday evening, the 6th ult. the Rev. W. Snodgrass, of St. James' Church, in that city, delivered the *Inaugural Address* to a large and attentive audience. The papers speak of the address as being very eloquent, and intimate that the Association have requested the Rev. Gentleman to publish it, which, we understand, he has agreed to do. With all our heart we wish the Association "God Speed."

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### Ministers' Salary.

One of the worst evils on the whole in the relation between pastor and people, is the failure to secure for him pecuniary independence, when the people are able to do so. One can hardly understand how any one should fail to see the truth on this subject, or to practise it, did we not see some lamentable examples to the contrary. The law anxiously provides for the independence of the judiciary, by giving the judges an adequate salary and forbidding it to be diminished during the term for which they are commissioned. Our organic law, both in Scripture and constitution, is no less particular as to the Clergy. They are to be kept free from worldly care and anxiety. As a general rule they are not so kept. They are dejected by pecuniary responsibilities they cannot meet, or by sacrifices they ought not to make. Their families are often perplexed beyond measure, even to provide for the necessities of life, while very few are able to purchase the books that are the very tools with which they work. They feel their minds dwarfing, and sigh for mental food; but do not deem it honest to go in debt, even for what seems indispensable to their preparation for the pulpit. Worn out by long continued labour, they are blamed if they take a summer journey. The temptation to be too complaisant to the rich gets the honest-hearted Minister, and perhaps leads him to the opposite extreme of discourtesy. Worse than all perhaps, he begins to cherish hard feelings against his flock. Here are people, he feels, who are perfectly able, without distressing themselves, to take the mountain weight of pecuniary responsibility off his heart; and they will not so much as touch it with one of their fingers. Must he not be almost superhuman, if with such feelings he can with gentle tenderness fulfil his pastoral duties? It is most difficult to school his heart to love for the brethren, who he sometimes says bitterly within him, are starving his family; and to kind feeling for those who, he thinks, do not sympathize with