

what we mean. If the foundations are properly built we can rear on it a solid superstructure. To the Common Schools of the country belong the money appropriated for educational purposes by the State. If sectarian schools are wanted let those who desire to have them pay for them out of their own funds. The withdrawal of grants from sectarian colleges by the Ontario Government should be made by us in Quebec the basis of our demands for the withdrawal of all public money from sectarian schools. Steadily kept in view and insisted on such a claim must be conceded. It may not come for years, but it must come ultimately, and no hindrance should be thrown in the way by those who have shown how deep is their heart's desire for the best interests of the country.

WE understand that a memoir of the late Dr. Mathieson is now in course of preparation, along with which are to be published several of his discourses. We are not at liberty to state as yet who it is that is engaged on this work; but it is enough to say that he is a practised hand, and fully *en rapport* with his subject; and the public may rely upon it that full justice will be done to the memory of the late venerable father of our church. The edition, however, will be a limited one; and as we are sure that all our ministers and elders, at least, besides many private members of the church, would wish to possess a memento of the valiant champion of the principles of the Church of Scotland in this country, we are desired to say that ministers would do well to ascertain how many copies would likely be taken in their congregations, before the Synod meets in June, and bring their orders with them.

ELSEWHERE will be found acknowledgment, by the Synod's Treasurer, of sums received on behalf of the Church of Scotland's mission to Vancouver and British Columbia. It is to be regretted that the sums are so small, and that few of our congregations have contributed at all, much or little, to this object, which received the hearty commendation of last Synod. The country is one which geographically has strong claims upon us. Then many of our own people have migrated to the Pacific coast, and it ought to be felt our duty to follow them with religious influences; more particularly that a new missionary has gone from the Dominion, Mr. McGregor of Nova

Scotia, to labour in that region. But we suppose until a missionary goes forth from ourselves, accredited by the Synod, we shall not be roused up to do our proper part in aiding North Western Evangelization. It is to be hoped the approaching Synod will take this matter into earnest consideration.

THE Synod of our church is called to meet in St. Paul's Church on Wednesday, the first day of June next, at noon. A great deal of important business will have to be transacted. The inauguration of a New Home Mission Scheme, of itself, would suffice to occupy the Reverend Court for a large portion of the time morally given to the business of the Synod. We would humbly suggest that in future the mornings should be allotted to committees, as it is in committee the real work of the Synod is done; and then there would be a chance of its being properly done, instead of imperfectly digested reports coming up, the members being jaded into the bargain. The afternoon and evenings should be sufficient for the *discussion* of the reports. We understand that the Lay Association have it in contemplation to hold a missionary meeting, similar to that held in 1867, on some evening, subject to the approval of the Synod. A movement is also afoot to give a public breakfast to the members of Synod.

WE beg to call attention to the printed circular addressed to ministers by the Committee of Arrangements for the approaching meeting of Synod in Montreal. The point to be observed is, that an answer be in all cases returned, and, as soon as possible.

We have it, "on dit," that the Rev. Solomon Mylne, of Smith's Falls, will be nominated as Moderator for the Synod of our own Church which meets in Montreal, in June.

We beg again to call attention to the fact, that the Rev. Prof. Ferguson, Kingston, has been appointed Treasury of the Bursary Fund.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mr. George Jackson, Sen., Simcoe, died on the 18th Feb., 1870. On the Sabbath, after his funeral, Rev. M. W. Livingstone, preached a sermon from Deut. xxxii. 29: "O that they would consider their latter