

Seminary for themselves. Can it be possible that the Church of England will be *not the last to act* but actually the only one taking no action at all in this important matter? I hope that you will not separate without inaugurating a scheme for remedying this serious want, and for removing the reproach and scandal incurred by our present position. This again is a matter of which details must be discussed by a Committee, and I will now only mention that we have *two* schemes before us, one presented by Mr. Sumichrast, the other by the Rector and eight gentlemen of Windsor. This last involves the purchase of a property and establishment of a school at Windsor on a plan very much like that proposed to the Synod in 1875, only it is to be definitely at Windsor, where the Secretary is to reside, and all meetings of the managing body of twelve Trustees are to be held. The chief advantage of this locality would be that the College Professors might be available for tuition in some branches, and that New Brunswick would probably prefer it to Halifax. But, on the other hand, the Rev. R. Laing in his letters lately published, advocating the establishment of a Presbyterian Young Ladies' Seminary, has advanced strong arguments in favor of Halifax, some of which are equally applicable to ourselves; and Mr. Sumichrast, taking up the establishment which had dwindled almost to nothing under Mr. Padfield, and working under serious disadvantages, has proved himself a most competent and popular teacher. He has a large, airy building, with spacious and lofty rooms, and is peculiarly well adapted for the work which he has undertaken, his attention to morals and to manners being not less marked than his skill in imparting instruction. He is anxious to make his Seminary definitely a Church of England institution, and after several years of acquaintance with him and observation of his life and conversation, I have no hesitation in recommending him as a well qualified and conscientious head of a school, to whom any anxious parents may safely entrust the training of their daughters. It will be for the Committee, when appointed, to compare the *two* schemes, and to report upon the relative merits and practicability of each. So far as regards the clergy generally I fear that the necessary charges of boarders anywhere must be beyond their means, but it is suggested that a fund may be raised to aid them by free nominations, or scholarships, or exhibitions, as may be deemed best; and if the school is in Halifax any who have friends residing here might arrange to have their daughters attending the school as day pupils.

In my last Charge I called the attention of the Clergy to two valuable associations designed to promote purity in both sexes, and I very much regret that not the slightest attention has been manifested to my words. Two years have elapsed, and so far as regards this very important matter we have made no progress whatever.

With respect to the "Church of England Purity Society," I am aware that, as I then admitted, the subject requires cautious and

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