

seen that there were two objects to which they must address themselves. It was necessary to institute, first, a College, for imparting instructions in the higher branches that must be studied, in preparation for the ministry; and, secondly, although first in point of order, an Academy for communicating instructions in the classics, &c., of a higher character than could be obtained in the common schools of the country, and which, notwithstanding, would be necessary to prepare the Students for prosecuting, with advantage, the more advanced studies to which they would have to give themselves in the College. In carrying their resolution, therefore, into effect with respect to the means for training up a native ministry, the Synod kept both of these objects in view; and authorised the renting of premises that might afford accommodation both for the College and the Academy. The means which were furnished for meeting the current expenses thus incurred have been very inadequate. A debt, in consequence, was accumulating from year to year; and, at the last meeting of the Synod, the whole question of these expences having been taken into consideration, it was agreed that the most advisable way of dealing with the subject would be, to endeavour to raise money for securing premises of our own that might be sufficient for all that was required both for the College and the Academy. Different properties, and, amongst others, the premises which we at present occupy at an annual rent of £60, were mentioned as what might be obtained at a moderate rate; but which, if purchased, would require considerable alterations to render them suitable for the objects in view. It was also considered how far it might be advisable, if means were furnished, to erect premises for ourselves. It is this which is recorded in the minutes: "That steps be taken with the view of making provision for the erection of a suitable building, for both College and Academy." But this part of the case is left quite open; so that the Synod is at perfect liberty to make the most advantageous use of the means with which they may be furnished. It was felt that, in consideration of the effort which is at present in course of being made for forming a fund for the permanent support of

Professors for the College, it would not be advisable to address this call to the Provinces; and, accordingly, it was agreed that the Rev. Mr. Stewart of New Glasgow should, without loss of time, proceed to Scotland to lay the case before the friends of the Church there, and to solicit their assistance; and that Professor King, at the close of the current session, should visit the States for the same object.

Mr. Stewart has arrived in Scotland and laid the matter before the Colonial Committee of the Free Church. We are happy to say that that Committee approve of the object, and have sanctioned it with a special reference to the proposal of purchasing the premises which we at present occupy. The following is an extract on the subject, from the December number of the Home and Foreign Record of the Free Church of Scotland:

"COLLEGE BUILDING AND ENDOWMENT.

—At a recent meeting of the Synod of Nova Scotia, the Rev. John Stewart of New Glasgow was appointed to proceed to Scotland, in order to awaken a greater interest here in their collegiate institution, and to obtain subscriptions towards the repairs of the building which it at present occupies, and towards its Library and Endowment Fund, while Professor King was appointed to proceed to New York on a similar errand. Mr. Stewart appeared at the last meeting of the Colonial Committee, and submitted to them a statement of his case. When the collegiate operations were commenced at Halifax, the Synod were under the necessity of renting an unfinished building (formerly used as an academy) for £60 per annum. The repair and furnishing of the building, so as to fit it for class-rooms, library, &c., have, together with the rent, entailed an expense of £400. The whole property may at present be acquired for £900. To accomplish this object, together with paying the debt, and doing what may further be necessary for completing the erection, will thus require a sum of about £1500. The Committee, being deeply impressed with the importance of upholding the college, and being satisfied, from what they know of the site of the building, and other circumstances, that this would be an eligible purchase, gave their sanction to this proposal, as the most advisable in the present position of the Church of Nova Scotia, and agreed to recommend it to the countenance and support of the Church, it being understood, that any sum which may be raised over and above what is required for the building, shall be devoted to the Endowment or Library Fund."