

ever, not to feel, and it may not be without advantage to say frankly, how easily efficient harmony in co-operation may be endangered and made impossible, and how necessarily, as a consequence, her policy that makes for peace must result in the absolute withdrawal of the Church of Scotland from the attempt to co-operate, where the aid given may be mistaken only for the supply of war material in an internecine conflict for mere denominational supremacy. So far as the Mission entrusted by the Assembly to the Colonial Committee is concerned, it has no denominational interest whatever to maintain in Canada, or in any of the colonies, *apart from the supreme interest* of seeking the salvation of the souls of our Presbyterian fellow-countrymen, by the faithful ministry of the Gospel in these lands. To that supreme interest all others are subordinate; and by the subordination of every other to that interest, the Colonial Committee confidently trust they shall, in the future as by their past policy, attract and unite for efficient harmony, in supporting the Christian work in the colonies, all true-hearted adherents of the Church of Scotland both at home and abroad.

The operations of the Committee during the past year in Canada, and the still pressing necessity for these operations, will find their best illustration from the following extracts from the Committee's correspondence.

In their annual letter to the Committee, which will be found at No. III., 1 of the Appendix, the trustees of Queen's University and College at Kingston, referring to the training of a native ministry as the important object which the General Assembly has had in view in their grants to the college say;—

"Two features about the increase this year are specially gratifying—*first*, that forty-five of the students have the ministry in view; *secondly*, that the number of entrants is thirty-one, or four more than the largest number previously re-

corded since the foundation of the college in 1841. The different professors report that they never had a better class of students than they have this year. The diligence, good conduct, and enthusiasm of the young men are admirable; and their general tone, we are rejoiced to say, is decidedly and earnestly Christian. Knowing that the interest which our Committee and the General Assembly have in Queen's College is entirely owing to the work that it has done, and that it promises to do on a larger scale in the future, of educating a native ministry, we rejoice that the objects and hopes of the Church of Scotland are being met, and that the spirit characterizing the students is such as we have mentioned. You are convinced as completely as we ourselves are, that the only satisfactory solution of the problem How shall the spiritual needs of Scottish Presbyterians in the colonies be best met?—is in training a native ministry. Therefore it is that you have extended aid to us in this great work with a liberality and foresight worthy of the Church of Scotland. It is the work in which your aid is still most needed; because, while the mass of the people in this new country contribute willingly, to the extent of their ability, to build their churches and support the ordinance of religion in their neighborhood, we have few rich men, and only a small and thoughtful minority understand the necessity of collegiate training, or are willing to make sacrifices to provide the requisite educational equipment. We would gladly propose to relieve your funds of the annual grant of £550 that we receive could we but see our way to raise an endowment to take its place; but we would not be doing justice to the institution committed to our guardianship, if we did not frankly state that anything like an immediate withdrawal of it would embarrass us and materially cripple the college.

"Since January 1, 1869, a sum total