

their share of the support of the mission vessel. This carelessness, however, on the part of the people at least, is rather apparent than real; for the claims of our educational work have not been presented to the Church in a manner commensurate with their importance. As we write, however, we rejoice to see signs of deepening interest. Some of our leading congregations are responding nobly to the Synodical call for an immediate increase in the Educational Fund, and others no doubt will follow. Let us hope that next statistical table will show that every congregation has testified its interest in Ministerial Education. Other denominations in these Provinces are fully alive to the necessity of having a home trained ministry. *They* are not satisfied that the United States and Great Britain contain efficient colleges conducted by churches to which they are allied; but, feeling the importance of training their young men at home, they have manifested great zeal and liberality in making the necessary provision. The Wesleyans have contributed very largely to the support of the Sackville Institution, while the Baptists are raising a sum of one hundred thousand dollars for the endowment of Theological Chairs in the College at Wolfville. Let our people imitate this liberality, and then with the Divine blessing our Church shall have nothing to fear.

THE LORD'S TREASURY.

Is it possible that, in our church, the Lord's Treasury should be ill-filled, or nearly empty! Has the Lord been bountiful to us all the year long, and yet do we turn away our face from the duty of supporting His cause as we ought? Our fields have yielded their yearly return for the farmer's toil. Our lives have been spared. God has met us with His mercy on the right hand and on the left, fulfilling all His promises. His Gospel has been sounding in our ears. What shall we render for all his benefits? Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do? What Funds of the church need replenishing? How can I best show my great gratitude for Thy boundless goodness?

THE YOUNG OF THE CHURCH.

In our present issue, we republish the outline of a plan for superintending the young of the church. It seems to us deserving of the most serious consideration by our own ministers, elders and people. The young of our church, young men and young women, are constantly liable to change of residence. Often they remove to and from our own towns, villages, &c.; and often they remove to other Provinces or States. In all cases, they should bear with them introductions to ministers or elders of the church to which they belong. We can speak from experience concerning Halifax, for example. It has happened that young men and women have been here for months or years without connecting themselves with any congregation,—without making themselves known to ministers or elders,—without any sort of pastoral superintendence. Those who most need help and guardianship are the least likely to find what they need for themselves. Hence the desirableness of a general, well-understood plan for the care of the baptized youth of our church. We hope the plan which we reproduce may furnish the ground-work for a plan suited to the circumstances of our own people. Meanwhile, let ministers in the country, who know of young people removing to towns, send some intimation of the fact to ministers in the towns. This will, for the present, meet in a measure a serious want.

THE "MISSIONARY DAY."

The ninth day of the Evangelical Alliance Conference was devoted chiefly to the subject of Foreign Missions. There were together missionaries from all parts of the world—from China, Japan, India, Turkey, Egypt and various other African countries, South America and Polynesia. The sight of so many veterans was deeply impressive. The principal assemblage of Missionaries was in Dr. Adams's Church, and for hour after hour they told of the wonders done by God in distant lands. The interest of the vast audience was sustained without flagging till the adjournment. In the Associa-