

corrupting old saving doctrine, or clogging a spiritual edifice with "clumsy ornaments" or beguiling with meretricious graces, but in devising new methods of good and thus keep alive the spiritual, not by midnight excitements or the phantasms of Beecherism, but by good and useful work for our fellow men in the open light of day.

Very interesting explorations are being carried forward in Palestine, and especially round the site of the temple of Jerusalem. The wall has been buried to the depth of 90 feet. What was thought to have been the natural surface has been found, as in the case of Nineveh, to be only the top of ruins and rubbish of immense depth. New proofs thus arise of the trustworthiness of scripture-history. Scientific men are often hostile to the Bible but science is not. Science is not the teaching of one or two but the result of the joint labors of many men, all working with different aims, and it has enhanced and will go on enhancing that great old book, whose truths have strengthened the valorous lives and sweetened the dying hours of our fathers and shall furnish the only ground on which we can plant our own sinking feet when we ourselves shall be encompassed with the cold waters of the Jordan of death.

We are truly delighted to hear of a movement to establish a Medical School in Halifax. We are a slow people and those who live in Halifax, while enjoying many advantages and splendid prospects, are not a bit faster than their neighbors. We have counted the names of forty or fifty students from the Lower Provinces at one Medical School in the States alone. Let some Halifax gentlemen look at the annual lists of Harvard and they will see what a loss they incur by this neglect. This, however, is the lowest consideration. We hope something will be done immediately.

A. P.

WE observe from a Scotch paper that the Saltcoats Gaelic congregation have given a unanimous call to the Rev. James McDonald, who lately laboured with so much acceptance at Barney's River and Lochaber.

A meeting of the Saltsprings congregation was held in the Saltsprings Church on Monday the 13th January, at which, *inter alia*, it was resolved that the Lay Association be re-organized, and office-bearers for the current year were accordingly appointed.

THE deputation of Pictou Presbytery will visit congregations as follows:—Cape John, Monday, 11th February, at 12 noon; Wallace, Tuesday 12th, at 2 p. m., and Scotsburn, Tuesday 3rd March at 11 a. m.

WE may remind Ministers and Congregations of the Synodical collection on behalf of

the Home Mission, appointed to be made on Sabbath 2nd February, or first opportunity thereafter.

The young ladies of Mr. Jack's Sabbath School class, Pictou, lately presented him with a handsome Bible, bound in Morocco, as a token of their esteem for him as their teacher.

Rev. W. M. Philip, lectured in Halifax on Tuesday evening, 21st ult., under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. A Halifax paper notices the Lecture in these terms: The Lecture on "The faculty of speech" by the Rev. W. M. Philip was a very fine effort, remarkable alike for correctness of taste, and for purity, and beauty of language. The audience, considering the snow storm which prevailed was a large one and highly appreciated the eloquent periods of the learned Lecturer.

Arrangements have been made for the delivery of a course of Monday evening lectures, in St. George's Church, River John, as follows:—

Monday, Feb. 10, Rev. Wm. M. Philip, Albion Mines. Subject—"Books"

Monday, Feb. 24, Rev. G. W. Tuttle, River John. Subject—"Unbelief, its origin, its influence, and its perils."

Monday, March 2, Rev. J. Anderson, Wallace. Subject—"Robert Burns."

Monday, March 9, Rev. A. W. Herdman, Pictou. Subject—"Prophecy fulfilled and unfulfilled."

Monday, March, 23, Rev. John. Goodwill, Scotsburn. Subject—"Influence of one mind on another."

Monday, March 30, Rev. W. McMillan, Earltown. Subject—"Sidelings on the highway of Christianity."

WE give on another page, an extract from a P. E. Island paper, from which it appears that the late Mr. Poole of Georgetown, has bequeathed a sum towards the endowment of the Church of which the Rev. Mr. McWilliam is the esteemed pastor.

From our Ontario Correspondent

Another year has come and gone. 1867, with all its conflicts and triumphs, its individual success and failures, its moral, political and ecclesiastical changes, lies buried in its winter grave. The first days of 1868 are calling us to fresh exertion, bidding us forget the past with its folly and failure, and enter manfully and hopefully on the work that lies before us.

Politically, we have entered upon a new era of existence. The great event of the past year to us has been Confederation, and though some clouds have arisen upon the