

In the department of Theology, the principles to be inculcated are those exhibited in the standard already referred to—the Westminster Confession of Faith; and, without noticing farther the scriptural character of these principles, we would just refer to Scotland in her best days for an illustration of their practical working. The preliminary classes, whether for the study of the classics or philosophy, are also to be formed with a view to those who may wish to prepare themselves for the work of the ministry; but as no subscription of articles is required from the students, and as the instructions to be communicated may be regarded as desirable on the part of many who may have no view to the ministry, who may not even belong to the Free Church, it is not intended to restrict the benefit of them to Free Church students. It is not forgotten that other denominations have been contributing supplies to meet the educational wants of the Colony; but notwithstanding all that they may have contributed, there is still an extensive field for additional labourers, and there may be an advantage in obtaining an additional supply through the instrumentality of that Church which has been so distinguished for its efforts in the cause of Education. Viewing these other denominations as in some respects not adhering so closely to the standard of scripture, we feel constrained to keep in a state of separation from them; but viewing them also, notwithstanding these differences, as holding much of the truth, and as, in so far, witnesses for Christ, and servants of our common Lord, we can rejoice in contemplating any success with which he may be pleased to bless their labours. If there is to be rivalry betwixt us, let it be a generous rivalry, let us keep steadily in view the will and the glory of Him whose servants we profess to be; and whatever differences may now subsist betwixt us, the time may soon come when we shall see eye to eye: and through the labours which, in the mean time, each may be enabled to prosecute, in order to forward the interests of that Kingdom which cannot be moved, the shout may at length be heard, “the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ.”