Woodstock. He afterwards removed to the Grammar School of Galt, and continued there until he entered the University of Toronto. During his studies, he found leisure to correspond with his friends; and the greater part of what he wrote was taken up with his views of the Christian religion, and his own religious experience. He passed his examinations at the University, and had the prospect of a successful course at that institution. Having left the University, at the commencement of the Christmas holidays, he spent a few days with some friends on the way home, and on reaching home, felt rather unwell. His throat was affected; suppuration took place, inflammation was strong, and at length typhoid fever set in, which in a short time terminated his career in this world. He died on the 15th January, 1869. During his illness, his conversation with his friends was very affectionate and very satisfactory. He said he was quite resigned to the will of God; he trusted in Christ, and he felt that all would be well with him. His lips were often observed moving as if deeply engaged in prayer.

This is one of those cases, of which there are not a few, in which Divine Providence seems to have said "It is enough," and to have accepted the will for the deed.

The great importance of the Gospel ministry, and the necessity of doing something to encourage young men to prepare themselves for it, were among his last thoughts. Having given some directions about his interment, he said to his mother and to his step-father, Mr. Robert Richardson, that he had a request to make of them; it was this, that as soon as convenient they would give something to Knox's College. He named the sum of $2,000; $1,000 for a scholarship to be called the Gillies scholarship, and $1,000 to the fund for the endowment of Knox's College.

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A WAY TO PAY OFF CHURCH DEBT, &c.

MANSE OF C.

DEAR SIR,—Would you allow me a little space to report a move we are making, and apply the scheme to another matter of great interest to our cause.

Our congregation is small, but anxious to press on to a self-sustaining position. Meanwhile we have a debt on the Manse, and heavy interest. One question at a meeting the other evening was, "How pay off the debt and get rid of the interest?" In answer, it was proposed and resolved that each farmer set aside a calf this spring, keep it for three years, sell the whole herd, and pay the debt. A paper was opened, and all present signed the agreement. One friend, not a farmer, said if the farmers did this much he would give an equivalent in money, and he thought others should do the same.

We feel confident, from the heartiness with which the scheme is met, we will be successful, and also that the movement will have a beneficial effect on the young of the Church, who feel quite interested.

Now, sir, in last number of the *Record* there is a demand for a suggestion in regard to the raising of $100,000 for Knox College. Could it not be done as above? Some congregations like this may have some special work; but there are surely families enough to accomplish this task. Say we have 20,000 families in connection with the Church west of Kingston, and that is under the mark. Say one-fourth go into the scheme,