

still wander shepherdless along the wastes and wilds of an unchristian life, falling an easy prey to heresy, superstition, idolatry, or infidelity?

The Presbyterian College, Halifax.

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I wish to answer in the Record a few of the questions I am frequently asked with respect to our College in Halifax:—

1. *Has it any connection with Dalhousie College?* Dalhousie is an Arts College having a staff of nine professors. The branches taught in it are such as Latin, Greek, German and French; Logic, Metaphysics, Ethics and Political Economy; History and Rhetoric; Mathematics, Chemistry, Mineralogy, &c. There is no Theology taught in it. Its annual income, from funds and property belonging to itself, is \$3,045; and it receives a Government grant of \$3000. Two of the professors are supported by Mr. George Munro, a New-York publisher, who is a native of Pictou and a Presbyterian. His gifts to Dalhousie amount in all to about \$130,000. The salaries of three of the professors—Principal Ross, Dr. Lyall, and Professor McDonald, are paid by the Presbyterian Church—\$1500 each. Dalhousie College is a Provincial Institution; our Church neither owns it nor controls it. We give \$4500 towards its maintenance because there is no better place to which our young men studying for the ministry can go to take their course in Arts. The Presbyterian College, or "Theological Hall," has no connection with Dalhousie College. The College Buildings, beautifully situated about two miles from the centre of the city, cost originally about \$75,000. Our College Board purchased the property for \$25,000. It cost about \$5,000 more to fit it for college purposes. The Principal, Dr McKnight, lives in the College. The students also live in it—paying for their board two dollars and a half a week. They pay no tuition fees.

2. *How much money is yet needed for the Endowment of our College?* At the time of the Union, the Presbyterians of the Maritime Provinces had invested for educational purposes the sum of \$79,877, or in round numbers \$80,000. Of this sum \$25,000 belonged to the Free Church Professorial Fund; \$35,000 to the Educational Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, (the Secession Church,) and \$20,000 to the Church of Scotland. Our funds are invested at 6½

per cent. The income will thus be \$5000, just enough to pay the \$4,500 we give Dalhousie College and the \$500 paid out of the College Fund to the agent of the Church. In 1876, we resolved to raise \$100,000, for the purpose of procuring suitable buildings for a Theological Hall, and supporting the professors in it. Of this sum we have now raised \$58,000. We have spent, however, \$36,000. We paid about \$30,000 for the College as it now stands, and \$5,500 for a lot upon which we had intended to erect College buildings. We can, no doubt, sell that lotsome time; but at present it is of no use to us. Expenses in connection with the meetings of the Board, and the work of delegates may be put down at \$500. The sum at present invested for the support of the College is \$22,000. Three professors in the College, each receive a salary of \$1750, or \$5250 in all. The running expenses will be at least \$750. We thus need \$6000 a year for the support of the Hall. Now it will take \$100,000, at 6 per cent, to yield \$6000. Of this sum we have \$22,000. We need, then, yet \$78,000. Where this sum is to come from, I do not know. My trust, however, is that as Providence has put into George Munro's heart to stand by Dalhousie College in its hour of need; He will put into the heart of some other person to come to the help of the Hall. The highest sum we have yet received for the Hall from one man is only \$2000. Surely there are Presbyterians in the Maritime Provinces who could give \$5000, or \$20,000, or even endow a chair.

3. *How much of the sum subscribed is likely to be paid?* Those who have signed for the Hall are, unquestionably, as a general rule, intelligent and honest men, who have the interests of education and religion at heart, and who will pay every cent they have promised. Still, if the money signed is to be obtained, the College Board, the Synod, the Presbyteries and congregations must use all diligence to collect it. It is true that congregations as such are not responsible for the amount signed, but, as they get credit for it when it is paid, they should take steps towards securing it. The minister could, from the pulpit, show the urgent necessity for supporting the College, and the need we have at once of what has been promised. Then some good earnest man, who has paid his own subscription, could be sent round through the congregation, to collect the rest. For the last five years, the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland has been paying the salary of one of our professors. We have no guarantee that it will continue to do this much longer. We must then, if the College is to continue in existence, work with a will.