

The Presbyterian College, Halifax, was formally opened on Nov. 2nd with a lecture in Chalmers Church, by Prof. Pollock on John Knox and his work. The lecturer entered very fully into the history of the Reformation in Scotland, a subject to which he has given special study, and with which is well fitted to deal. The number of students already enrolled for the session is 25, with perhaps two or three more to come in. Our College has made good progress for the last two or three years in the way of increased attendance. Let it receive increased support, and more of the young men that are needed to supply our vacant congregations and mission stations. The late Synod, at the recommendation of the College Committee, agreed to ask congregations to contribute one-third of the amount given last year for Augmentation, or \$3,000 in all. This amount is needed to meet current expenses, but it should not be forgotten that more than this amount is really needed to pay off an adverse balance that has been accumulating for some years. It is to be hoped that many of our congregations will not content themselves with the amount named, but will try to do a little more in the interest of our College, which is so much needed and is doing so good a work.

The Presbytery of Halifax has begun a series of Presbyterial visitations in the city of Halifax. Its first meeting for this purpose was held in St. John's Church on the evening of Oct. 20th. After the visitation the following finding was adopted:

"The Presbytery is pleased with the results of the examination, find the pastor and elders endeavoring faithfully to discharge their duties, and would congratulate the whole congregation on the signs of spiritual life, but would urge an increased circulation of the Record, larger attendance at the prayer-meeting, and the greater cultivation of personal and family religion, and would express the hope that each one would abound more and more in every good work."

During the past summer Mr. George A. Leck has been laboring at Andover, in the St. John Presbytery. Mr. Leck's field of labor extended over 50 miles in length and comprised 9 preaching stations. There are 27 Presbyterian families with

46 communicants throughout the whole field. A neat church has been built at Three Brooks, clear of debt, and 12 were added to the membership of the church this year. Though not yet a self-sustaining mission station it is gradually rising toward that standard.

When an instance is afforded us of earnest zeal, whether within our own pale or that of a sister denomination, it should prove stimulating. A few years ago Mr. J. Wesley Smith, started a mission Sabbath school on what is now known as Charles Street, Halifax. This school, though small in its beginning, has grown wonderfully. It is now the largest Sabbath-school in the city of Halifax, numbering 510, scholars and teachers. Last year it raised \$1000, besides \$200 by the young men. What has been the secret of the success of this remarkable school? Every week the teachers go out two and two searching for scholars and bringing them in. Like zeal would increase very materially the attendance upon Sabbath-schools within the bounds of our Maritime Synod, would strengthen our church, and would in some instances keep our children in the schools to which they rightfully belong.

Y. M. C. ASSOCIATION.—The second Sunday in November has been observed each year since 1866 as a day of prayer for young men and Young Men's Associations. November 13th will be the appointed day. Ministers are asked to preach that day so as to increase an interest in special effort for the salvation of young men. The following topics are suggested for the week: *Monday, November 13th*—Victory depends on prayer as much as on activity, Ex. xvii: 8-13; Matt. xxvi: 41. *Tuesday, Nov. 15th*—A good reason to be of good courage, Deu. xx: 1-4. *Wednesday, Nov. 16th*—Success through reliance upon God, II Chron. xiii: 1-18. *Thursday, Nov. 17th*—A seven-fold promise of God to His people, Ex. vi: 6-8. *Friday, Nov. 18th*—Immediate answer to praise and to prayer, II Chron. v: 13, 14; vi: 1-3. *Saturday, Nov. 19th*—Man's prayer answered in God's way, Deu. iii: 23-29; Matt. xvii: 1-4.

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