

immediate steps in the erection of another chair, alleging that union will bring re-organization, and will, in supplying some definite plan as regards Ministerial Education, direct the Church's attention the more powerfully to the whole subject. This probably is the correct view. In the hope of union our Church can well afford to wait another year, more especially as the Educational Fund is low, and as a resolution was passed at last Synod instructing the Board of Superintendence to take immediate steps to set before the Church the duty of accord- ing a more generous support to her present educational machinery. We have in all four Professors—two in Dalhousie, and two in the Hall. They receive \$1200 each—the minimum salary of our city ministers, a sum which is universally acknowledged to be inadequate to their comfortable maintenance. Our Professors should be in a position not only to support their families comfortably, but to supply themselves from time to time with the best publications in their respective departments of study, and occasionally during vacations to visit foreign Institutions of learning. We would call the attention of our readers to the circular published in the October number of the *Record* (page 286), in which a statement is given of the Synod's action in the matter, of the present condition of the Educational Fund, and of the sum necessary to be raised annually to give our Professors something like an adequate support. The increase of salaries being a matter requiring immediate attention, it may be best, in the meantime, to postpone the erection of another chair. In the event of union, the sister Church in the Lower Provinces will contribute at least one Professor, which will, in the very outset, give the Halifax Hall a staff of three. And should the Government release the two Churches from the support of our three Dalhousie College Professors, by assuming the entire control of that Institution, it would then be a comparatively easy matter for the united body to sustain a Hall with even five chairs. Dalhousie, however, may not be set on this footing for a length of time, and the Churches should in the meantime act as if the future held out no such prospect.

To place our Hall on a secure basis, it should be fully endowed. This would raise it above the fluctuations to which, through a variety of causes, annual congregational collections are ever liable. Such a work is by no means chimerical. If undertaken in real earnestness, the Church would soon accomplish it. Two or three energetic brethren, if intrusted with it, would soon carry it to a successful issue. Systematic Beneficence and the Supplementing Scheme were at first unpopular, but through the praiseworthy efforts of a few brethren both subjects have enlisted a very large share of the Church's attention and sympathy. So, if the presentation of the claims of our Theological Institution were intrusted to a small energetic Committee in full sympathy with the cause, congregations would contribute liberally, and our monied men would follow the noble examples set by many wealthy men in the United States and Great Britain, who, out of the abundance which God has given them, have given back to Him, and who, among other deeds of beneficence, have honorably connected their names with the prosperity of many of the Schools of the prophets. With a fully endowed Hall the Synod would no longer be necessitated to make urgent appeals on behalf of her Educational Fund, and the congregations would be free to devote their whole energies to the prosecution of other schemes.

The whole subject of Ministerial Education presses itself with great urgency upon the attention of the Church. Hitherto it has been too much neglected—regarded indeed as a matter of very secondary import while it lies at the very foundation of all church work, for how are the Home and Foreign fields to be supplied if not from our own Theological Hall? The Church is beginning to experience the results of such neglect in an increasing number of vacant congregations and unoccupied Home Mission Stations. It is hardly worthy of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces that in recent years she should have been contributing for educational purposes a sum very little, if any, in advance of that raised by the children of the Church for