

all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. *Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction;*" when we consider this aspect in which these two churches are thus presented to us, can any Christian man have any difficulty in saying with which of them he would like to have been associated?—with the Corinthians, in all their wealth, bearing no part of the Apostle's burden, or with the poverty-stricken Philippians, in presenting "an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God?"

### OPENING OF THE COLLEGE SESSION.

As already advertised, it is expected that the session of the Free Church College here will be opened on Tuesday the second day of November. One student from the College, Mr. W. G. Forbes, has already been licensed; and, if not yet settled, has been called to a ministerial charge. Two, Messrs. George Sutherland and John Alexander Ross, are in progress of their trials for license, and are, in the mean time, most usefully and acceptably engaged as Catechists. There were seven others who, last winter, attended the Theological classes for the first session; and we anticipate an increase during the ensuing winter. The church is at present enjoying a seed-time. We would ask, Is she alive to the importance of the season? Is she lifting up her cry to God, praying that he would direct those to their studies for the ministry who may be the subjects of his own grace, and who may be richly endowed with those gifts which he knows to be needed for the work of the ministry? Is she earnest in her supplications for a blessing upon the efforts of the Professors, and upon the studies of the students? All this is needed. God is willing to be pleaded with; and it becomes us to recollect that it is our duty, our privilege, and our interest, to pray the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

### FREE CHURCH ACADEMY, HALIFAX.

This seminary which, notwithstanding a succession of discouraging events, has been gradually gaining ground under the able superintendence of Mr. Munro, the present Rector, will remove from the premises which it has hitherto occupied, at the close of this month. The

dry season, which occasioned the stoppage for a time of so many mills through the Province, has thereby caused some delay in effecting the alterations which required to be made on St. John's Church, before it could be adapted for the accommodation of the College and Academy. The retardation of the work, however, has not been to any very serious extent. The progress in the work has been very rapid of late; and during the short time that may elapse betwixt the removal from the premises at present occupied, and the entering into the new premises, the Academy will be accommodated in a convenient subdivision of St. John's School-house. Situated in an airy part of the city, and having a playground attached, the new premises will be found a very great improvement on the former condition of the Academy.—The three teachers will have each his own separate apartment in which to conduct the business of his particular classes, at the same time that one of these apartments is of sufficient dimensions to contain the whole number of scholars, during the times that they may require to be assembled together.

### COLLECTION FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE COLLEGE AND ACADEMY.

The Synod has appointed that this collection, as on former occasions, be made on the first Sabbath of December; it being understood that, in congregations where there may be no public worship on that day, the collection shall be made on the first occasion thereafter on which there shall be public worship. Intimation of the collection ought to be given on the preceding Sabbath; and we would call attention to the following particulars, as showing how important it is that larger collections should be obtained for this object than have yet been contributed.

The current expenses include rent, insurance, interest, fuel, &c. The rent alone has hitherto amounted to £60 a-year. A very considerable amount of expense was incurred in fitting up the premises which up to this date have been occupied as the College; and as the collection has never yet exceeded £30 in any one of the four years in the course of which it has been made, a large debt has now been accumulated. The entire debt under this head may be stated as amounting to £400. Through the ge-