

from home ; it also costs something to go from one place to another. We have a synod fund to pay travelling expenses, but it is not so well supported as it ought. Some congregations do not contribute anything towards it. It is in the interest of every congregation that its minister and representative elder should be at the meeting of Synod. Congregations should therefore, without any grumbling, contribute towards defraying the travelling expenses of its representatives.

Several matters of importance are to be considered at the present meeting of Synod. Reports will be given in by the College Board, the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, the Committee on Supplements, the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund, and the Committee to watch over the interests of public education. An overtture anent the desirableness of establishing a Ladies' Seminary will also be considered.

The state of our educational affairs demands our most serious consideration. This subject will come up before us under three different aspects. The first question will be, what are we to do in order that there may be a good institution in which our young men may obtain a suitable training in arts? Shall we continue giving to Dalhousie College, a Provincial institution over which we have no control, \$4500 a year, or shall we withdraw our professors from it? The next question is, how are we to support our Theological Hall? We need a place in which to train young men for the ministry ; but where or how are we to get the funds? The third question is, what, in the matter of educating, are we to do with our young women? Are we to have a ladies' seminary of our own or are we to continue handing over young unmodelled girls of eighteen to the Roman Catholics of Pictou, the Baptists of Wolfville, and the Methodists of Sackville to train them up for us? It is a shame, a monstrous shame, to the Presbyterians of the Maritime Provinces that they have no institution for the education of young ladies'. This is an age of

syndicates. Could not a Presbyterian syndicate be formed, a syndicate for the purpose of giving the best training possible to those who are to be the mothers of the next generation. Surely it is at least as noble a thing to take shares in a company whose aim is to provide suitable training for young ladies', as it is to take shares in a company whose object is to build a railroad, erect a glass factory, or put up a place for refining sugar. It is to be hoped we are not such materialists, so thoroughly secularized, that we care for nothing but good dividends. As Presbyterians, as Christians, we believe that children should be trained up in the way in which they should go ; but how can we expect children to be trained aright unless their mothers are persons who have themselves been properly trained. It must not be said that we spend \$4,500 a year in supporting Dalhousie College, and \$6,000 a year in supporting our Hall, but not one cent in supporting an institution for the higher education of young ladies'. The Presbyterians of the Upper Provinces can point with pride to Brantford College, and to the College at Ottawa ; the Presbyterians of the Maritime Provinces can point to nothing. They have done much for the Pictou Academy, much for the West River Seminary, much for the Truro Seminary, much for the Free Church College, much in the way of helping young men to go to the Universities of Aberdeen and Glasgow, much for Dalhousie College, much for the Hall at Pine Hill ; but they have not moved a finger, they have not given a dollar to furnish their daughters and sisters with a place in which to obtain a training in the higher branches of learning which young ladies' desire to know, and in the accomplishments which they would like to have. Surely this state of things will not continue much longer.

The Theological College.

The session of 1880-81 was closed on the evening of Thursday, April 28th, by a