

cating them for the backwoods, when all the while they themselves are unwilling to dedicate their own youth to the service of the Lord. I am indeed rejoiced that three young men, one of whom understands Gaelic, have lately arrived in Glasgow from Pictou to study for the church, and a right hearty greeting have they received from their brother-Colonists here. But what are they among so many? Do send us four or five more next year. "Queen's" College is a first rate institution, and probably they would get as much book-learning there as in Glasgow. But their minds will never be broadened by seeing the old world, with its different customs, phases of life and of thinking, and all its treasured memorials;—they will never come in contact with the great men of the day, nor rub shoulders with the representatives of every nation under heaven.

I sometimes wish that the old church would send out another deputation of its wisest and best to Nova Scotia. It is true that the others did harm by lavishing too much injudicious praise upon the people so that they now think themselves exceedingly ill-used unless they get a share of the pudding that belongs to others instead of making a small one for themselves. But how much more mutual good did they effect? Their presence was always a pledge of our mother's sympathy and support. Their words were always good, and their position and worth gave them weight. I met Dr. Ritchie of Longforgan lately whose memory I am sure is still graven in the memories of many in Pictou, and was very much delighted with his reminiscences of Nova Scotia. Though an inveterate grumbler I could not keep following him in his enthusiastic praises of much that he had heard and seen among you; and I soon found that the men he remembered were those who read their bibles and loved their Saviour most.

As to church matters here, everything is going on smoothly. A tendency seems to be arising over Scotland to bring art more into the service of religion than the severe Presbyterianism of Scotland has hitherto allowed. A U. P. congregation ventured upon an organ; but the Synod by a considerable majority put a stop to such a bold innovation. However, the organ still remains in the church, and I believe gives forth its melody at all meetings except those on the Sabbath. No such prohibition, however, is extended to painted-glass windows, and they seem to be becoming quite the rage in many parts of Scotland. Our Glasgow cathedral is thus to be wholly supplied with

"Storied windows richly dight,
Casting a dim religious light."

The cost of the whole will exceed £12,000, which will be defrayed by some sixty subscribers. The great western window—the subscription of our iron kings, the Messrs. Baird, has recently arrived from Munich, and been

fitted in, and inaugurated in the presence of the chief nobility and clergymen of the west of Scotland. The effect is very beautiful; the colours are so clear and pure that light is not excluded, and yet so quiet and deep that the religious character of the building is preserved. The subjects are taken from the Old Testament, such as the Israelites crossing the Jordan, the dedication of the Temple, etc., and form part of a grand whole which is to extend over the whole range of windows. This gift of the Bairds will cost nearly £2000. Next to it the most beautiful painted glass window in Glasgow is one in Mr. McDuff's Church, to the memory of the late Mr. McGregor. It is of course much smaller than any of the great cathedral ones; but though executed in Newcastle instead of at the famous royal glass works of Munich, it is very little if at all inferior. In fact it is superior in the depth and richness of its coloring; and the general cast of the head and features in it indicate a higher spiritual idea than the round German faces from Munich. It is altogether a magnificent window. The scenes represented contained in thirteen separate medallions—are "Memories of Bethany,"—the name of the donor being thus gracefully linked with one of the most proper works of his beloved pastor.

I know that some who imagine themselves imbued with the old Puritan principles, may object to such decorations of churches. On what good ground I am at a loss to know. The day has surely gone by for ever when the chief aim in building temples unto God was to crowd together the greatest possible architectural deformity at the least possible expense. God who planned this so fair universe and fretted with golden fire the great arch of heaven, is the infinite source of the beautiful as well as of the good and the true. It is well that we should be in harmony with him, and let us not confound the reaching up unto spiritual truths through material symbols with the gross materialism and Fetishism which would rest in the outward and give to the creature the glory that belongs to the Creator.

THE FUTURE OF INDIA.

Our readers are aware that one result of the great Indian Mutiny has been the hastening of the severance of the East India Company from the Government of this great Empire. It is well known, that this Company always looked with an unfavorable eye upon Christian missionaries, and instead of lending aid, rather threw obstacles in the way of the progress of Christianity among the native population. Their regime has passed away, and it is to be hoped that under the more