

appointed to prepare an address to the churches on this subject ;" we need not therefore expatiate upon it.

The **SYNOD FUND** is intended to cover all expenses connected with the meetings of the supreme court of the Church. These expenses are always considerable. Printing, travelling, accommodations, and so on, make a large aggregate which ministers cannot afford to pay out of their own pockets. but which a very slight effort on the part of the whole church would meet.

We need not say anything regarding the **HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS**, as vigilant Conveners and Secretaries have them in charge and will not fail to keep the Church in remembrance of her duty. We should all be doubly zealous this year—for the times are hard, money is scarce, and there is a great deal to be done. This is just the time to try our faith. It is nothing to give a few dollars or pounds when we have plenty and do not miss what we give ; but are we capable of self-sacrifice? Shall we give as much to the Lord as we were in the habit of giving though we should have to retrench in other directions? "Hard times" will show to the world the stuff our faith is made of. Let us remember when we approach the Lord's Treasury that His eye is upon us, and that the world too keeps a sharp look out.

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## MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

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THE COLLEGE AT TRURO was opened on the 10th November when Professor ROSS delivered the Inaugural Address. The attendance of Students is large—amounting to forty-eight, and including young men from New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Cape Breton, as well as Nova Scotia Proper. Besides the regular staff, consisting of Professors ROSS, LYALL and McCULLOCH, Mr Blanchard is engaged in "grinding" such of the students as are far behind in their preliminary studies.

The Session of the Halifax College commenced as usual, about the beginning of November, but it was not formally and publicly opened till the 3rd ult., when the Rev. Dr. Smith gave an Inaugural Lecture in Poplar Grove Church. All the Students and a considerable number of citizens were in attendance ; and listened with profound attention while the venerable Doctor discoursed with emphatic earnestness on the vast importance of Theology and the great responsibility resting on both Professors and students. He described minutely the various departments, which would come under his own cognizance and the manner in which he intended to treat them.

There are sixteen Theological students prosecuting their course this winter. Two or three who expected to have been in attendance have been prevented by circumstances which they could not control. The whole sixteen receive more or less of the attention of Professor King, Dr. Smith and Mr. McKnight.

The Church this year has no fewer than *sixty-four* students who look forward to the ministry as their life-work.

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