

be acceptable to the majority of the Alumni and other friends of the College, but it was always understood that no scheme would be adopted involving any fundamental change in the position of King's College without the approval of this Synod. The negotiations had never reached a point at which the Governors could say that they would favorably regard the scheme, for there were several difficulties, some of them perhaps insuperable, in the way of any such arrangement as would be beneficial to the College, whose interests we were anxious to forward. But I wish to explain to you exactly the motives of those of us who were considering the question. We found that we could not keep King's College in an efficient state without a considerable increase in our funds, such as did not appear to be obtainable. At the same time we had to look to it for a supply of clergymen, and the best mode seemed to be to take advantage of the funds by which Dalhousie has been endowed for the Arts Course and for general instruction, and to use all our own funds to provide instruction for all members of our Church much more extended and complete than we could otherwise provide in the tenets which she holds and avows. The Alumni being reinforced by a large number of Windsor residents without having the matter properly before them last year, adopted a resolution in opposition to any scheme by which we can avail ourselves of the resources of any other University; and the Governors having expended on new buildings at Windsor the funds which would have been available towards a Theological College in Halifax, nothing remains but to strain every nerve in order to place King's on a sure foundation. A Committee of the Board have acted with much energy and discretion in repairing and beautifying the old building, out of funds specially collected for the purpose, but the great and very important object, the increase of the Endowment, is still very far from being accomplished, and, in fact, we are just now struggling on, having indeed a very good staff, but only approaching to payment of our current expenses by cutting off 25 per cent. from the previously inadequate stipend of the President, and expending for general purposes part of the Visitor's fund, which ought to be restricted to the furtherance of Theological studies, and to be accumulating when not so employed. We cannot diminish our staff, for if our clergy are to be decently, (I will not say thoroughly), furnished for their work, they must keep pace with, they ought to be in advance of, the progress of the age and the requirements of the persons committed to their care. We have good hope of valuable aid from New Brunswick, more particularly as the Venerable Metropolitan manifested his interest in the welfare of the College by undertaking a journey at an inconvenient season to preach the Annual Sermon, and has given a handsome subscription to the renovation fund, and expressed much satisfaction with our Chapel and with the Parish Church, both of which must exercise an important influence upon the Divinity Students whom we trust