

ed for his acquirements in exact science, he is the very man for the position. One of the most grievous errors, as well as one of the greatest misfortunes, of the present day, is that people are carried away by showy and superficial accomplishments which dazzle for a season, but having little or no foundation, as a mere flash in the pan.

Queen's College has secured for her head, what we are certain she will properly appreciate, solidity of acquirement, from which the whole church as well as the Institution itself, will reap a large and permanent benefit. We congratulate our Canadian brethren on an acquisition which we trust will prove as valuable to us as to them. What we want, above all things is, that the instruction imparted to our young men studying for the ministry, be as thorough as possible. The Trustees of the College appear to be fully alive to this important truth, and have acted up to it from the beginning. Hence the success—a success which they may rest assured will never fail them, so long as they follow a course at once so wise and so honest. Mr. Leitch, we understand, will not enter upon his duties till next session, Dr. Cook, continuing his connection with the College till the end of the present term.

We are glad to hear from the *Presbyterian*, that there is some prospect of Dr. Stevenson, Convener of the Colonial Committee, visiting us soon. We trust the expectation will be realized. A deputation at the present time would be of incalculable value to the Church in these Provinces.

CHURCH IN LOWER PROVINCES.

ROGER'S HILL, November 30, 1859.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY LABORS

Within the bounds of the Presbytery of Pictou, at the following places:—

Sept. 11—	at Lochaber, . . .	Preached.
" 14—	at South River, . . .	do.
" 18—	at St. Mary's, . . .	do.
" 22—	at Addington Forks, . . .	do.
" 25—	at Barney's River, . . .	do.
" 26—	at Big Island, . . .	do.
" 29—	at West Branch River John, . . .	do.
Octo'r. 2—	at Earltown, . . .	do.
" 3—	do.	do.
" 9—	East Branch East River, . . .	do.
" 10—	do.	Catechised.
" 11—	do.	do.
" 16—	West Branch E. River, . . .	Preached.
" 17—	do.	Catechised.
" 23—	Roger's Hill, . . .	Preached.
" 24—	do.	Catechised.
" 25—	Carriboo,	Preached.
" 26—	Hardwood Hill, . . .	Catechised.
" 30—	Cape John,	Preached.
" 31—	do.	Catechised.

Nov'r. 3—	Roger's Hill,	Preached.
" 6—	River John,	do.
" 10—	do.	do.
" 13—	Roger's Hill,	do.
" 17—	West-chester,	do.
" 20—	French Settlement, . . .	do.
" 27—	Earltown,	do.

In regard to the attendance at each of the above places, I have much pleasure to report that it was uniformly satisfactory; and in regard to the attachment of the people to the church of their fathers, the best testimony is their unanimity in everything affecting her prosperity. J. SINCLAIR.

WEST BRANCH E. R. CONGREGATION.

The deputation of ministers and laymen appointed by the Presbytery of Pictou to visit this congregation, met with the people in their comfortable new church on Tuesday the 13th ult. The Rev. John Sinclair, who was not the person appointed to preach, upon the urgent request of the people to have religious service performed in the Gaelic tongue—the language of their understanding and affections—volunteered to officiate; and, accordingly, preached a sound and instructive discourse from a passage dear to every believer and familiar to every student of the Bible: "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in him might not perish, but have everlasting life." After the service was finished, and Mr. Murdoch McLean had by a unanimous vote taken the chair, the Rev. Allan Pollok explained the object of the meeting.

John McKay, Esq., one of the deputation, addressed the members present. He referred to the benefits which had resulted from the formation of the Lay Association, set forth the proper way of managing such societies in a congregation with the view of keeping them from becoming dead, and particularly recommended the enlistment of ladies in the cause. Mr. Mackay explained how the *Record* required a large circulation in order to its maintenance, and commented upon the indispensableness of such a magazine being printed and widely circulated among our people.

John J. Macdonald, Esq., made a few remarks, expressive of his concurrence with what had fallen from the lips of the last speaker.

The Rev. John Sinclair addressed the people in the Gaelic tongue, over which he wielded such complete mastery. He informed the people how coagregations in America were spoken of in Scotland, and in what light, from many representations made, they were still viewed. He knew that they were charged with hard-heartedness towards the ministry, and illiberality towards the cause of God. If this were a false report, or if it were a real