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ST. JOHN'S TRAINING SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the MONTHLY MESSENGER.

SIR,— Will you allow me a little space in your magazine, that I may acquaint its readers, which has lately been made relating to the "St. John's Training School, by one who is much interested in the cause of education in this island. As allusion has more than once been made in your pages to this institution, I presume its origin and objects are well known to most. The building formerly known as the General Protestant Academy was purchased in the spring of 1875, at a cost (inclusive of extensive repairs and alterations) of £500. Towards this £300 have already been contributed chiefly through the kindness of friends in England, and it is to aid in the speedy removal of the remaining debt that a friend in England has offered the sum of five pounds, on condition that twelve others will give the same amount.

Shall England be allowed to bear the burden and have the honour of establishing and maintaining an institution which is solely for the benefit of Newfoundland, and which the people of the colony are well able to support.

We give this matter publicity because we believe that many sincere friends of the cause of education in this island might justly say they were not aware that any practical sympathy was required.—Yours faithfully,

E. GOOD,

"St. John's Training School."

Feb. 5, 1876.

Donations towards the removal of the debt will be thankfully acknowledged by Mr. L. T. Chancey, the Editor of the MONTHLY MESSENGER, or Miss Good.

There should not be much difficulty in obtaining the number of subscribers required. The "Training School" is supplying a long and deeply-felt necessity in this country. A good education is given on the most moderate terms. Teachers are thoroughly prepared to take charge of elementary schools, without any expense to themselves or anybody else, and without regard to sect or party. The ladies who are conducting the establishment are doing so without any pecuniary reward, and solely at their own expense. Therefore, both school fees and donations are, and will be devoted to liquidating the debt, improving the building, and continuing the work. I might further say that visitors will be welcomed any day in the school between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

E. M. M.

THE DUTY OF THE CHURCH.

"For none of us liveth unto himself," said St. Paul. Every individual in the world is influential for good or for evil. We are all sowing. "Oh, what will the harvest be?" I am going to address the Church, and of course every professing Christian who may read this. In a very peculiar sense we are bound to live for others. We are followers of the most unselfish Man who ever trod the green vales and dusty paths of earth. Our

Divine Master pleased not Himself, He glorified His Father in heaven, and gave Himself a ransom for us. He is our bright example. Therefore we must—

GLORIFY GOD

in our body and spirit which are His. The lawfulness of our business, our pleasures, and our recreations must be decided by this rule, "Can I do so to the glory of God?" What we eat and drink, and whatsoever we do, must conform to this; no Christian can discharge his duty to others, unless he first and last does all to the glory of God.

WE MUST LIVE FOR EACH OTHER.

There is no brotherhood so sacred, so precious, or with vows so binding, as the brotherhood of the Christian Church. Therefore we should love each other, and bear one another's burdens. In order to discharge our duty faithfully

WE MUST PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER.

We will remember all the scattered members of the Lord's body on earth. Those of the household of faith to which we belong have a special claim upon us. It will be well for us to mention the names of some before the throne—if any have slighted or injured us, the weak, the tempted, the afflicted the sorrowing and bereaved, those in any special danger, at home or abroad.

We will mention the pastor and office-bearers of the Church, the Sabbath-school teachers, and Christian workers. We ought to adopt this plan daily.

WE SHOULD EDIFY ONE ANOTHER.

All have not the same views of truth, nor the same Christian experience; even a child may contribute to our information. Exhort one another daily in the apostolic injunction. We may lend or give a useful book. We might invite to our homes a few believers for a Bible reading or prayer-meeting. We may offer a word of exhortation in the cabin of the vessel, or the cottage of the poor, or the circle of Christians. We have each a part to take in building-up the Church of Christ.

WE MUST SYMPATHISE WITH EACH OTHER.

Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

We must not find fault, or gauge, or reprove harshly. We are all human and frail, and liable to err. We must get better acquainted. We are one family. The nod or glance of recognition when we meet is not enough, we should adopt some means of