

not wise to prosecute the work of collecting for the Board. The information concerning the Union and its work which he presented so intelligently to the churches, and their duty in the matter of benevolence which he so forcibly exhibited, must in due time produce beneficial results.

Theological Professorship.—At the last Annual Meeting of the Union, the Executive Board were instructed to supervise the collecting of a thousand dollars per Annum to pay the salary of a Theological Professor in Acadia College. Your Board requested their General Agent to solicit subscriptions for that object. He entered upon this work so energetically and succeeded so well in getting pledges that your Board were confident that the amount needed could be quite easily raised. At the time of the Convention held in Portland, St. John, Rev. D. M. Welton, A. M., was unanimously elected to fill the new Theological Chair in Acadia College. Your Board heartily concurred in the appointment. Professor Welton has been doing good work for the Denomination in his new sphere of labor, as the following extract from his report will show. He says:—"The work which I have performed under your auspices during the past year has been divided between the College proper and the Theological Department. In the former, Rhetoric, Elocution and the Monthly Essays written by the Freshman and Sophomore Classes, were assigned to 'me.' * * * "During the last term I have instructed a portion of the Senior Class in German. In the latter, i. e., in the Theological Department, I have given one lecture a week in Homiletics, dividing the time equally between instruction on the preparation and delivery of sermons and the criticism of plans of sermons prepared by the students.

About thirty young men, members of the College and Academy, have more or less regularly attended these lectures, and, if I may be allowed to say so, have manifestly profited from them.

As it is not deemed advisable to blend the study of Theology proper with the regular College course, only partial course students have been left to engage in this. Of these the number has been somewhat small—the class consisting of Messrs. Goudey, Parson Carbonell, Spencer, and one young lady,—Miss Masters.

Three lectures a week have been given, and three of the principal divisions in a systematic course have been gone over, namely, Bibliology, Theology, and Anthropology." * * * "I should be glad another term to be able also to give some instruction in Church History and Pastoral Duties to those requiring them." * * * If the Baptist brethren in New Brunswick would endow a Theological Chair, and the present instructors in theology were relieved from assisting in the Arts course, something very respectable might be done, and we might hope to arrest the annual exodus of our young men to Newton."

Your Board deeply regret that the funds necessary to meet the claims upon them from this department of the Union have