

son, my name, or the name of my congregation, has appeared in publications connected with our Church in Nova Scotia, would lead the readers of these documents to infer that we are annually in receipt of the bounty in question! The mistake has originated, I presume, out of the single grant of £50 for building purposes, referred to above. But it is a mistake of a character fitted to be prejudicial. I beg, therefore, that, in justice to myself and my people, you will insert the correction of it in your next issue.

And am,

Very truly yours,

D. MACRAE.

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LETTER FROM P. E. ISLAND.

MY DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

I was astonished to see in the last *Record* an article in which the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island was charged with having been guilty during the past year of some irregularity of procedure, and one or two vagaries. I am happy to be able to inform you that such is not the case. It is impossible for a Presbytery to act more harmoniously, or more in accordance with Church order, than ours. The only circumstance that could have given rise to the unfair remark was what occurred in the affair of Mr. Martin, lately a student in Canada, but now deceased. The members of the Island Presbytery who sat in Synod disclaimed any official knowledge of him, asserting that he had never been before them for examination, and that they had made no promises of aid to him: whereas it was announced at an after sederunt of Synod that there was a notice in their minutes of two or three years back respecting two students named Ross and Martin. But this notice was inserted by members who do not now belong to the Presbytery; and the assertions of those who are now in this Presbytery were perfectly accurate. The notice merely referred to these young men as living in Canada, and contained an application for some aid to them out of the funds of the Young Men's Scheme. And in no other particular was an insinuation made against the Island Presbytery. The Synod declared their minutes to be accurate, and correctly kept, and as regards Synodical injunctions, in no Presbytery had they been so well observed as in this one. And as regards our present condition, our congregations are more free from debt or trouble, and less indebted to the Colonial Committee, than is the case with any other Presbytery in connection with the Synod.

I am yours; &c.,

ISLANDER,

NEW BRUNSWICK UNIVERSITY

We are pleased to learn that the University of New Brunswick opened its second Academic year under very promising auspices. Upwards of thirty students have already matriculated and there is a prospect of a further addition. This seat of learning has encountered not a few difficulties and experienced several vicissitudes. But we believe that the dawn of a bright future has at length opened upon it, and that it now affords all the facilities that could be desired for a first class education. The Principal is a man of parts and character, and the staff of professors is said to be very efficient. We trust we have seen the last for a long time of changes of system and instructors which have done not a little to mar the success of the University, and as it is open to all, that it will become the *Alma Mater* of many a distinguished New Brunswicker.

We observe that three students belonging to our Church are taking their Arts Curriculum within its walls, an advantage which might be embraced by Nova Scotians also who could finish their Divinity Course either in Scotland or Canada.

LOVELLS SCHOOL GEOGRAPHY.

British Colonists have long been sadly in want of some such publication as the above. Our youth have been far too long dependent upon foreign geographies for their knowledge of this useful and interesting branch of study.

The consequence has been that they have learned little or nothing of their native country—which these works have all but ignored. While their time has been taken up in the reception of exaggerated statements and impressions, with regard to a neighboring republic.

Lovells Geography corrects all this—and while giving a vast amount of well arranged matter about every country on the globe, presents the young Colonist for the first time with a succinct account of the features—physical, political, and general of the land of his birth. We have little doubt that in a short time it will supersede all others and become the standard text book on this subject throughout the British Provinces. We have noticed a few statistical and other errors in the section referring to Nova Scotia, which we doubt not will be corrected in a future edition.—We would recommend its adoption in all our schools.

We would direct attention to the letter of the Rev. Mr. McRae, of Newfoundland, in another column. We are glad to find that the Church in St. John's has neither received nor required aid from the Colonial Committee. The explanation must be very satisfactory to the Church here, for many were rather surprised that a congregation which though