

ents or so attending each, for the sake of supporting several Professors, and yielding to certain silly associations, particularly as these are a burden to the Church, and an injury to young men who have to study at colleges, not equal to many academies. If such a state of matters is to continue, we know not where the establishment of colleges will end. At this rate there will soon be one in every Synod, then in every Presbytery, and lastly in each section of the country. Fine times will the Professors have, to lecture to students of painted wood; what a quiet meeting on the occasion of these delivering their discourses! What a comfort each returning night will bring, when they can throw themselves down in the lap of ease, without any thought of what the lecture is to be on the morrow! The colleges we have, (for the Paris Presbytery—one of the Presbyteries of Canadian Church, declares it to be a necessity to increase the number of Professors in each college?) not to speak of those which are likely to be established, are a perfect farce. How can any people who have been accustomed to have their ministers well educated think of contributing towards their endowment. The idea is preposterous. Yet we have been asked to support the college in Halifax. Though several of our friends have left us, some in anger because we would not do as we were told, we would not turn upon them and despise an institution established by them which we in common believed to be for the good of the country. Still we maintain, in principles which every intelligent man must receive, that the H. college is not needed, and that two would do more work, and do it better. Then we would have all the Professors required, and men too of education, a healthy competition among the students, and colleges which would not only take care themselves, but, through bursaries which could and should be founded in

connection with them, the students likewise. Some tell us that we must have one in Halifax else the students who go either to Scotland or Canada will not return. This has been in too many instances distressingly true, but there is no necessity that such a state of matters shall continue. Put the Church on a good footing and not only will those return who go away to their education but they will bring others back with them. This going and remaining has arisen from the fact that there was nothing to induce men to return, nay but there was much to induce them to remain, owing to the charges around them, which were and are so superior to most of the congregations with us. Were it not, therefore, that the Church of Scotland is paying one of the Professors in Halifax, the Presbytery of Pictou could have no difficulty as to its present action. A good, and efficient college, a college thoroughly equipped, the Presbytery of Pictou could have no difficulty in countenancing and most heartily supporting, but to contribute to one in the midst of so many, must appear to any member, a throwing away of money which might otherwise be turned to good account

It is our painful duty to record the death of another of the foremost and most respected residents of Hopewell, Daniel Gray, Esq., which sad event took place on Sabbath, 25th March. The deceased, who had long been of failing health, died of heart disease, at the comparatively early age of 42. He has left behind him a young wife and three little children, and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. His sad death has cast a deep gloom not only over Hopewell and the immediate neighbourhood, but also over the greater part of the county of Pictou, throughout which he was well known and universally beloved on account of his many excellent qualities.

The funeral of the deceased took place