

our interests there, in case any attempts should be made in future either by the French Government or by companies, to take the Islands.

#### OUR COLLEGE AT PINE HILL.

Half of the Session has passed, and the work is going on favorably. There are seventeen Students in attendance, of whom the Professor's speak very favourably. The Chairman has requested me to-day to publish a few Statements, showing the need that our Congregations should all remember that the College requires from them practical sympathy. We have a pretty large investment, but it must not be forgotten, that we have large annual payments for Professorships in Dalhousie College, which absorb a great part of what accrues from the Stock held by the College Board.

The disbursements for Professors Salaries in both Colleges since May 1st, with other charges amount to \$6871 00  
Total Receipts 5868 00

Deficiency \$1003 00

Last year congregations and stations gave \$2210.37, but this year up to date, they have not given more than half that amount. It is true that only sixty-two have so far given anything; which is only about one-third of the whole numbers, and therefore some may think there is no danger that another thousand will be forth-coming from the other hundred. We hope it may, and it will, if any hearty effort is made by ministers, and seconded by elders or other financial managers. Some of the contributions sent are small, but in these hard times, and with many claims, we cannot complain of that. If all would do *Something*, the Committee would be both satisfied and thankful. P. G. MCGREGOR.

Halifax, Feb. 4th.

Secretary.

The old church at the Grove, Hants Co., having served its day and generation, is to be succeeded by a new one.

Rev. J. R. Munroe was inducted into the charge of Antigonish congregation under specially encouraging circumstances.

#### LITTLE THINGS.

No man is fit for God's services who is not willing to do little things. The people who are always waiting for an opportunity to do some great thing never accomplish anything. If you want to be wise in winning souls you must be ready to do what the Spirit prompts you to do. It may be he will call you to go to the home of the drunkard, and stay there and mind the children while he or his wife goes out to listen to the Word. If this were done by Christians generally, streams of salvation would break out in every quarter.

If you are going to work for God you must let him take of your reputation. If you look for your reward here you will be doomed to disappointment. The reward will come hereafter. This is the time of Christ's humiliation, and we are to go "outside the camp bearing his reproach." The nearer you live to Christ the nearer will be the things that worldly people will say about you. If you want the applause of the world you had better give up, Christian, because you cannot be useful in God's vineyard without the world beginning to slander and abuse you.—D. L. Moody.

The Rev. J. W. Butler, of Mexico, says:—"There are now 264 evangelical congregations in Mexico, with 30,000 permanent adherents. Men and women, who never saw a Bible till they had spent half their money and their lives in the Roman Catholic Church, were now becoming the Christians who would go through fire and water for their religions sake. Recently fifteen of them had been imprisoned and persecuted, but not one recanted.

The American Board of Mission in Japan report for 1883 and 1884, from April to April, an increase of 736 communicants which is a gain of 68 per cent. on the previous membership. The contributions of the native churches for the year amounted to \$6,750, a gain of 33 per cent. over the preceding year.

The Boston *Investigator*, an infidel payer, says that it is never requested to be sent to a penitentiary for the benefit of its infidel inmates.