

during their studies in Scotland and Canada, who are now doing good work in different portions of our Maritime field.

But this, though an excellent source of supply, is a rather expensive one. And now the question comes up for consideration—Can we not obtain a larger supply at less expense? I think we can. Other Churches have adopted the proper plan to secure this aid. Our brethren of the United body long ago established their Colleges and Theological Halls. We have now all the advantages of an excellent University in which to train young men in the mere secular branches, and what we still require is a Theological Hall. I would by no means recommend the expensive affair suggested a few years ago, but something on a smaller scale—such as that of Morine College, Quebec, or Queen's College, Kingston, in the early days of her history. An arrangement might be made by which, for a consideration, our students could be taught Hebrew in the Theological Hall of the United Presbyterians. The Church History and other branches could be studied under two regularly appointed Ministers of the Church, who would spend, say, three months each as Professors every year, and an excellent class room could be found in the basement of St. Matthew's Church, where the nucleus of a Theological Library already exists, the bequest of the late Mr. Martin, of St. Andrew's Church, Halifax. During the absence of the Professors from their charges, their pulpits could very easily be supplied by the Presbyteries to which they might happen to belong. It might also be arranged that the young men should spend the last year of their course in one of the Universities in Scotland, or one of the excellent Colleges of the old school Presbyterian Church, in the United States.

I have suggested this simple and inexpensive plan because I think it is one that our Church can very easily adopt, and which will meet with very little opposition from any of our people. It is yet the day of small things with us, and we would show our good sense by adapting ourselves to circumstances.

Where are our students to be procured, after we have established our College and our Hall of Divinity? This is one of those questions which we must put squarely and boldly in this day of mammon worship. Men are hurrying to get rich. Young men are not satisfied with the old slow gait of their fathers; and so everything must go down before them in the race for wealth. Of course there are no prizes in the Church, and they go into the money-making walks of life. Who is chiefly to blame for this? It appears to me that we all are more or less. Parents should urge their sons—in the proper way, of course—and pray that the Holy Spirit would put it into their hearts, to offer themselves to this high and holy work. Ministers and the Church should press its importance upon her people. It should also be distinctly understood that we want youths of talent and promise, as well as marked piety, for this work. Men of wealth who have no sons of their own could select such boys from the Sabbath School of their Churches, and spend a portion of their wealth in educating them for the ministry of the word of God. Christians must arouse themselves to far greater exertions, if they intend to overtake the work that lies before them in this direction. The Church of the living God must arise from her long sleep, gird her glorious armour on, if she would cope successfully with the spirit of indifference that seems settling over her members, in regard to the necessity of an immediate, abundant supply of suitable young men to enter the ranks of the Christian ministry.

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THE PROVINCIAL TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.

THE Provincial Temperance Convention opened in the Division Room, Temperance Hall, Halifax, March 2nd. The room was crowded to its utmost capacity, a large proportion of those present being from the country. David Marshall, Esq., P. G. W. P. of Sons of Temperance, called the meeting to