

the translation of the Bible into Aneityumese finished. There is, of course, a great amount of revision to be done after that, but still the most formidable part of the work will then be accomplished."

THE EARNEST STUDENT.

When giving our contributions to the Young Men's Bursary Fund of the Church, perhaps we do not often realize the importance of the act we are then engaged in, or how very great may be the blessings, present and future, that will flow from our free-will offerings. The following illustration, which has just been brought to our notice through the newspapers, will serve to impress this fact upon the unreflecting mind. It is an extract from a letter from Leipzig, describing the sad and sudden termination of the College career of a German student:—

"Prizes of two hundred thalers each were offered by a rich gentleman of Berlin for the best metaphysical essay; an equal sum for the best essays on mediæval history, astronomy, celestial mechanics, sociology, geology, poetry; and five hundred thalers each for the best romantic tales and the best poem; the prizes to be awarded by a committee selected from the various universities and various designated literateurs of eminence. A great audience assembled on the day of the award in Leipzig. The names of the authors of the various works had been sent in sealed envelopes, on which were inscribed the fictitious names signed in their productions. The author of the metaphysical essay has chosen as his Kant's 'Antinomies of Pure Reason.' After passing an eulogium on the essay, Dr. Schmidt broke the seal and found in the envelope the name of Max Markman, who thereupon was called upon to receive the reward of his work. A pale, poorly-clad young man stepped forward and was received with hearty applause. His hair was thin and gray, although he was plainly yet young, and his whole appearance was such as to awaken the sympathies of the audience. Prize after prize was announced, and the same poor student gained every one. The prize for the tale was the last one announced, and as Markman stepped forward to receive it amid thunders of applause, his face suddenly became

ashy in its whiteness, and he fell fainting on the stage. He lingered for four hours, and the physicians who attended him announced that his death was caused by privation, in other words, by starvation. He had apparently lived on almost nothing for months, and poor, dejected, weary, yet glowing with the fire of genius, had worked for the prizes offered, amounting in all to twenty-four hundred thalers, and then, hungry and weary, had dragged himself to win them all and die."

Articles Contributed.

▲ Protestant Ladies' College in Halifax.

Nothing is so much needed in these Lower Provinces as an institution that shall give a first-class education to the girls of our middle and upper classes. On account of the want of such an institution, our young ladies are growing up imperfectly educated in petty and pretentious adventure schools, or they have to be sent far from home and educated at an enormous cost, or they go to convents and other R. C. institutions where "their religious principles are never interfered with," but where, somehow, they get on the downward incline that soon lands them in Rome.

In the Upper Provinces of the Dominion there is scarcely a town without its Ladies' College, on a non-sectarian but decidedly religious and Protestant basis. The College is usually the property of a chartered Joint Stock Company, (limited liability), controlled by a Board of Managers, who are elected annually by the stockholders. A thorough training is always afforded in all the branches of English education, modern and ancient languages, the fine and useful arts. Sometimes the College is under the auspices of Presbyterians, sometimes under those of Episcopalians, or Methodists, but in almost every case it pays a fair interest, from 3 to 10 per cent. to the stockholders. Men put money into it not only because they are Protestants and friends of education, but as they would into any other undertaking where they had reasonable security for getting some return from their investment.

There is a crying need for such an