

already engaged in that field. That amount we are prepared to guarantee. We trust that, among the young ministers and probationers of our Church, there will be readily found some individual who will respond to our call, and recognize in it the voice of our Lord summoning him away from home and country and friends, to engage in the glorious work of gathering from the darkness of heathenism multitudes of immortal souls to the fold of Christ. We think we shall not be disappointed in this. We believe that He who engaged the hearts of our people to make the necessary provision, has also prepared for us a labourer, ready and willing to spend and be spent in order to extend the boundaries of Christ's kingdom and save souls from death.

Hoping you will find space for our advertisement in your 'Record,' and praying that its insertion may be productive of the desired result, I am, &c.,

A. MACLEAN.

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Appeal of the Educational Board of the Synod, in favour of Dalhousie College.

THE Educational Board of the Synod of Nova Scotia, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, impressed with the importance of the interests committed to their care, feel it their duty to address to the people of their Church, an appeal upon the subject of the higher education. In execution of this task, the best method will be, to relate the proceedings of the Synod, and then exhibit the reasons, which have prompted the steps already taken, and which may justify the exertions desired.

An overture was introduced into the Synod, during its Session in New Glasgow, in 1862, recommending that a conference be held between a committee of our Synod, and any committee which may be appointed by the other Presbyterian Synod, upon the subject of the higher education in connexion with Dalhousie College. This overture having been passed unanimously, a conference was accordingly held wherein it was concluded, that it was expedient for the two Synods to co-operate in higher education in connexion with Dalhousie College, and that the governors of that institution should be approached, with the view of ascertaining how far they would be disposed to meet the views of the Synods. A few weeks later, the two committees came to an agreement upon such points as the following:—That Dalhousie College should be, not a denominational, but a provincial institution; that no religious test should be exacted; that the governors should be appointed by the Governor in Council and not removable at pleasure; that any denomination, corporation or individual, endowing

and sustaining a chair or chairs, should be represented by an additional governor for every such chair, that the existing vacancies at the Board should be filled up by suitable persons from other denominations, not Presbyterian, and that our own denomination should meantime keep the capital funds in our own hands, giving the yieldings only to the support of chairs.

These principles having been unanimously agreed to as a basis of co-operation, a conference was then held with the governors, in which every disposition was shown by them to make such arrangements as would meet the wants of the country, and the views of various religious bodies. The articles above specified were conceded, under the necessary reservation that they should recommend themselves to the judgment of the new Board and the Legislature. At the conference, it was requested that, with the view of obtaining the support of all classes and denominations, the three existing vacancies at the Board should be filled up by the appointment of Charles Tupper, M. D., and J. W. Ritchie and Leonard Shannon, Barristers-at-Law, provided that these gentlemen would allow their names to be gazetted. The governors also admitted the propriety of giving in the appointments to chairs, a preference to applicants of such denominations as should volunteer, to give the institution the benefit of their support.

At a subsequent meeting of the two committees, several additional principles of co-operation were laid down. One referred to the propriety of holding in view the establishment of medical and legal faculties in the University. Another point agreed upon was, that in the faculty of Arts, there should be, at least, six professors, namely, Professorships of ancient classics, logic and metaphysics, mathematics and mathematical sciences, moral philosophy, natural philosophy, and the physical sciences and chemistry, botany, geology, mineralogy, &c. The support agreed to be given to the institution was the endowment of two chairs, by the other Presbyterian body and one chair by the Kirk of Scotland; involving the expenditure, on their part, of ten thousand pounds and the sacrifice of a thriving institution in Truro, and on our part the collection of five thousand pounds, in order to furnish a salary of three hundred pounds a year, to the Professor of mathematics or classics.

A Bill embodying the principles agreed to by the governors, was prepared, submitted to the Legislature of Nova Scotia, and passed at last session. The whole proceedings of the Committee having been laid before the synod this summer, received their approbation, and an educational Board was appointed, consisting principally of laymen, and representing as much as possible, the different sections of the Church in Halifax, Pictou and P. E. Island.