

of acceptance, and that only changes in matters of detail are any where desired.

The number of young men who devote themselves to the ministry of the Gospel, though not large is encouraging. True, we need more—many more. The call comes from every direction. But let us be very grateful for what God has done for us, for the talented, devoted, laborious Pastors, Licentiates and Students He has raised up. We have workers now in all parts of the Lower Provinces. He who has raised up so many will in answer to our prayers give us many more.

Our Theological Hall has indeed been blessed, for it has furnished us with many of our ablest Church workers; but it needs our prayers and our liberal aid. It has prospered enough to encourage us for the future, and to rouse us to greater liberality on its behalf. Dalhousie College and the Hall cost the Church largely, but we must bear the expence; it is money well spent.

No feature in our history is more encouraging than the readiness with which our young men volunteer for foreign service. No sooner is there a call for a fresh labourer in the New Hebrides or in Trinidad than offers of service are received. Young men and young women take their lives in their hands and venture cheerfully upon paths of peril and hardship far away "among the Gentiles." The correlative fact of the readiness of our people to support Missions is equally encouraging.

It is most encouraging to note the fidelity with which our Church adheres to the "faith once delivered to the Saints,"—sound doctrine of which she need not be ashamed. While other bodies are rushing off to Romanism, Ritualism, Unitarianism, or Infidelity, the simple truth of God's Word is as precious as ever to our ministers and people. Never, never let it be otherwise!

There is much life, there are many pleasing evidences of the work of God's renewing Spirit, in our congregations; alas, that we cannot report glorious revivals such as prevail among our brethren in other lands! What God has done for us in the past, what He is still doing for us, is enough to war-

rant the strongest hope. He who has given us so much of His peace, so much of the self sacrificing mind that was in Christ Jesus, so much of the Spirit of union and brotherly love, is able and willing to help us now, and through all the vicissitudes of the future.

THE WAY TO GIVE.

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"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver."—2 Cor ix. 7.

Giving is an important Christian duty. A man cannot be a Christian at all without being a giving Christian. Our Church asks every one who becomes a Church member to give of his substance according as God hath blessed him, to the support of the Gospel and the maintenance of the different schemes of the Church. And she is right. The poorest Jew was not so poor as to be exempted from bringing his offering, and the poorest Christian is not by the word of God, and ought not to be by any Christian Church, exempted from giving.

It is about how to give, however, that I would like to say an earnest word. Giving and the spirit of giving are too often widely different things. Paul tells us how we are to give:

1. "Every man" is to give "according as he purposeth in his heart." Every man, you see; not the rich; not the Christian who has been successful in his undertakings, but every man is to give, and as he purposeth in his heart.

When the collector used to go round with his subscription list, getting subscriptions for some benevolent object or other, or for some Church scheme, such as Foreign Missions, or Home Missions, or Education, or the minister's stipend, if he wanted to make the thing a success, he would go to some generous-hearted rich man, if there were any such, to head the list with a good large subscription. Then when he had got the list well headed he felt he could go to the proud-spirited, niggardly-hearted ones with an argument they