

There was once a poor couple with such a large family that it was hard work to fill all the hungry little mouths. A rich neighbor offered to take one of the children and provide for it. Which should it be? To decide the matter the parents one night visited the little group as they lay sleeping. There was Willie, the eldest, their first born. They could not part with him. One after another they looked into the faces of the sleepers and decided that they could not part with that one, until they reached the baby, who needless to say, could not be spared.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada has by common consent a large family of Colleges. The hungry mouths are clamoring for food and don't get quite enough to satisfy hunger. Year after year the question arises why not close some of them and sell the buildings. This year the Assembly spent several sessions in looking over the family group and as each one in turn came under view, something in it, or about it; its professors, its alumni, its buildings, its age, its youth, appealed so strongly to the maternal heart that she could not let it go. So this year as last year she compromised the matter by appointing a committee to see if they could devise any way in which this could be done. And in the meantime she lovingly embraces her family and seeks to feed them for another year.

There are these points however to be noted.

1. Love makes labor light. And if we view aught our colleges as essential to the best progress of our church the burden will not be felt.

2. The whole burden of college education is a very trifling one. About eighteen cents per member is all that is required throughout the church. Some of course must give largely, because others can do little.

3. We often lose sight of the helpfulness of a college in any locality to the church in that locality. First, it is likely to draw some men to study for the ministry that otherwise might not do so.

And second, It supplies our home field with ministers in a way that foreign colleges would not do. The testimony of churches that send their students abroad is that a large proportion of these do not return. They come into contact during their college days with the needs of the church where they are studying. These needs are impressed upon them. They do not realize because not brought into such immediate contact with it the need of the church at home, they go to work where they have studied, and they are lost to the land of their birth. If we would prosper as a church we must foster our college in the Maritime Provinces.

The Senate of Canada, an irresponsible body, representing no one but themselves has prevented any advance in temperance legislation, and the Scott Act remains where it was last year. The time has come when some party must make Prohibition one of the planks of its platform, or as in the United States a Prohibition party will be formed that will at least hold the balance of power. In a free country, where the people rule, and where by sweeping majorities the Scott Act has been carried in most of the places that have tried it, the idea of enduring the tyranny of a rum oligarchy savours too much of the dark ages, to be endured.

In England the late government was defeated on the whiskey and beer question, and in Canada the will of the people has been defeated by the same agency. These things will but hasten the downfall of the evil. God will make the wrath of man to praise him.

Andover Seminary, the oldest congregational school of Divinity in the United States, once a firm defender of the orthodox faith, has abandoned the theology it was established to maintain, and now boldly avows that it teaches the 'New Theology', the hope of probation in the future life, etc. One strong argument