

to Nova Scotia in the beginning of 1861. Since the summer of that year he has been minister of the congregation which he now leaves. His pastoral field has been very extensive, and his work laborious, but he has met the demands of this large district with punctuality and systematic attention. Since his incumbency began, the West Branch congregation has built a manse and purchased a farm for the use of the minister. These have been improved by Mr. McGregor with such admirable taste and liberality, that they ought to form a great attraction to any one whom the people may in future call to be their pastor. The congregation has been singularly harmonious during his ministry, and unanimous in their attachment to one under whose management they have so greatly improved in order and efficiency. Unlike many congregations, they have never been in arrears for stipend or missionary services. Their promise is as good as any endowment. They are naturally much discouraged and disappointed with Mr. McGregor's departure. The whole church is a loser—for, besides being an able Gaelic preacher, Mr. McGregor was a useful and attentive member of our church courts. It is some consolation that he goes to another part of British North America, and that the rising colony of Vancouver will gain by our loss. In parting with one who has laboured so faithfully amongst us, we feel constrained to express, not only our regrets, but our earnest wishes for his welfare.

Our Gaelic people in Pictou will be great losers by recent changes, Messrs. McGregor and Goodwill having now left. It is to be hoped that the energetic Presbytery of Pictou will organize some measure of relief.

OPENING OF DALHOUSIE COLLEGE.

On Wednesday, Oct. 27th, the seventh session of Dalhousie University was opened. The day being unpleasant, the attendance of citizens was not so large as it would otherwise have been. The Very Rev. Principal Ross, D.D., after conducting devotional exercises, recounted briefly the history of the Institution since its resuscitation in 1863. Professor Lyall, D.D., sketched and criticised the Positivist Philosophy. This was the Inaugural Address of the Session. Thereafter the Rev. George Hill, one of the Episcopal clergymen of the city, at the solicitation of the Faculty, in a judicious and well-timed address, recommended the amalgamation of the denominational Colleges throughout the Province with Dalhousie University. Mr. Hill did not advocate the abolition of any existing institution; but that they should be preserved simply as Divinity Halls, and for all other purposes, that they should throw their weight and influence into a Provincial Udenominational University. We are certain that every lover of University education would rejoice to find something of this sort accomplished. It would give more weight and influence to the University itself, and would more than double the number of students. After some remarks from Sir William Young, showing the advancing condition of education in the Province, the session was formally opened.

MEETING AT LONDONDERRY.

PURSUANT to notice from the pulpit, a congregational meeting of the members and adherents of the Church at Londonderry, in connection with the Church of Scotland, was held on the evening of August 9th, 1869. Present: Rev. W. T. Wilkins in the chair; also Messrs. William McLean, John McLean, Thos. Barber. Robert Stevens, Thos. Totten, George W. Totten, and Hugh Cameron. The Chairman stated the object of the meeting, and called upon the Secret. Treasurer to read his financial report for last year. From this report it appeared that all subscriptions had been paid up, and that there was