

"Dr. Snodgrass is calm, collected and weighty—with a talent for management. Mr. Croil is practical. Dr. Jenkins of Montreal, is a chaste and deliberate speaker, looking at things more from a general than an ecclesiastical point of view. Dr. Williamson made only one speech, which was, however, for clearness, calmness and point, a model of a court speech. Dr. Mathieson, our old friend, said but little, and that always to the subject. His very presence was a tower of strength, from the general respect in which he is held. Mr. MacLennan spoke with a chasteness of expression and calmness of judgment for which he cannot be surpassed. The Moderator presided with great skill and dignity; and when called upon to express the mind of the court, it was done with brevity and force. A goodly proportion of the young men took a share in the debates, while the presence of many venerable fathers gave weight to the deliberations of an assembly, in which business was conducted with a care, a propriety, and energy that could not be excelled, and in which we must take an interest, as representing the largest of our colonial churches.

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Dalhousie College Endowment Fund Statement and Appeal.

The report on this fund was considered by the Synod at its last meeting to be highly satisfactory. We undertook to raise \$20,000; and we have now invested \$19,600. But the \$400 that remains to be invested is not the whole of what remains to be done. A small sum is due the Treasurer at present; and \$300 are required on the first of October in order to meet our engagements, whereas no interest is forthcoming from our invested funds until January 1st, except a small sum of \$54. In a word then, about \$265 must be raised by our Church in the Maritime Provinces and sent to the Treasurer, J. J. Bremner, Esq., Halifax, by the end of September. This amount must be raised by us. If at the same time the other \$400 were raised and invested, the work would be completed. In these circumstances the Synod did the only thing, it could do. It enjoined that an article should be published in the August *Record* explaining the state of the Fund, and then that on the last Sunday of August a collection should be made, in all our Churches for our Educational Fund. If the collection be a liberal one, the whole \$665 will be raised. If it be otherwise, at least the smaller sum that must be forthcoming will be raised. A few words as to the reason why the whole sum has not been invested before this. The causes are these: (1) that some of our congregations and people did little or nothing; (2) that some who subscribed did not pay their subscriptions; (3) that only three or four congregations made the supplementary subscription. On these accounts the capital sum has been eaten into, and every day's salary makes the deficit greater.

Many of our people have done nobly in this matter, not a few of our clergy have made for it sacrifices that few will ever know. But one effort more is required. The work must be crowned. Will those in particular who have up to this time been backward now put forth a helping hand. We are all interested in the work. The money remains the Church's money for ever. The cause is good. And above all things a Church must keep its faith unbroken and unsullied.—G. M. G.

The above appeal has been sent to me by Mr. Grant, that, before its publication I might supply any omission or make any additions apparently necessary. So far as can be discovered by me I cannot see that the subject could be placed in clearer light than in the above short and pithy appeal. As the late Convener and as having been entrusted with the preparation of the first address to our people on this subject I may be allowed a remark or two. This measure was entered upon in 1863, when subscriptions were first taken. In that time we have paid our Professor and nearly raised our capital—an effort amounting to about £6,000, and implying an average of about £3 per family from even our nominal adherents organized in congregations. When it is, however, remembered, that not more than one half of our people have burdened themselves much with this scheme, the result presents to us a feature, which it is quite safe to say has not been equalled in the religious history of this province. Let us be deeply thankful and let us have hope in the vitality of our people when interested. Now, but one hundred pounds is required to complete the capital and £75 to meet present demands—in all £175 and then we have done with this matter for ever. If each of our adherents in the present Synod were to bestow on this effort one penny, the result would be more than is required, I will not believe then that our people will not rise to the importance of the occasion and complete the work. Only let our collections be a little more liberal—only let them be for once what they should be always and the work is done. Our New Brunswick people may bear in mind that by this small investment they enter into the proprietorship of £5,000; for this sum remains the property of the Synod. Everything encourages us to indulge in hopeful feelings regarding our beloved Church. We have now a foreign mission, two colleges available and ministers in the field, and in immediate prospect sufficient for our present wants and a well organized Synod. We have what I, as an old member of Synod once never expected to see. If our congregations will give us an average of £16 each this is all that is necessary, and they will encourage us to go forward and to march abreast of the oldest and ablest denominations in the land. The beautiful and appropriate rivalry of ear-