

ed to visit the Lower Provinces of British North America, with the view of pressing upon you the claims of the Professorial Endowment Fund of the Free Church College at Halifax, and of soliciting your contributions on its behalf.

We believe you are already aware of the object of this fund; that it is intended to provide an adequate support for at least two Theological Professors.

For this purpose the church resolved to raise a capital of £10,000; and it was supposed that if the friends of the Free Church in the Lower Provinces, for whose benefit the College was set agoing, did their duty, that this amount might be realized in the course of four years, during which time, it was understood, the colonial committee of the Parent Church would support the Professors.

The Scheme has now been in operation for five years, and instead of the £10,000 only about £3,000 have been realized, leaving thus a deficiency of £7,000.

This deficiency is, we believe, in a great measure owing to the general failure of the crops, and to the want of a thorough agency to visit periodically the various associations formed for the purpose.

In these circumstances, it was resolved at the meeting above referred to, that whilst the Synod authorize the issuing of the Cards as usual, and call upon the various associations to re-double their diligence in obtaining contributions according to the method hitherto in operation, a great and vigorous effort be made, and that the following plan be adopted:—

1. That a Subscription List be opened, and as far as practicable, a direct application made to all the friends of the cause throughout the Lower Provinces.

2. That as soon as the sum of £7,000 be subscribed, the College Board be authorized to give instructions for the payment of the sum either at once or in three annual instalments, as may be most convenient to the subscribers.

3. That every exertion be made to complete this Subscription List before the next meeting of Synod.

It is for the working out of this Scheme that we have been appointed to visit the whole of the Lower Provinces, and which Scheme we now submit to your earnest and prayerful consideration. It is, no doubt, a considerable sum that is required, but is not the object to be attained—even the placing of the whole of our Collegiate Institute on a permanent basis—is not this object worthy of every ef-

fort, of every act of sacrifice: reflect, then, we beseech you, on the unspeakable benefits that will, through God, flow from this Institute, to the Free Church, to Presbyterianism, and to the cause of religion generally;—reflect, too, on the fact that your sons will, during unborn generations, receive, through this very endowment, a gratuitous Theological Education, in being qualified for discharging the functions of the highest and most honourable of all earthly vocations;—reflect, still further, on the cheering prospect that, through the instrumentality of those trained at this Theological Seminary, hundreds and thousands of immortal souls may be brought to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, and that you have contributed of your substance towards the accomplishment of this glorious object;—and then, on bended knees, consider the means that a gracious Providence hath placed at your disposal, with the inscription written upon it as with the blood of Calvary, ‘Occupy till I come’, and we have no fear of the result.

(Signed) HUGH McLEOD,
ALEX. FORRESTER.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE ROBB FREE CHURCH, AT MUSQUODO- BOIT HARBOUR.

A peculiarly interesting ceremony took place at Musquodoboit Harbour on Wednesday the 27th ult., in the laying the foundation-stone of the Free Church for the adherents of that district. Such a ceremony is a spectacle not often witnessed in any locality, but when the locality is one yet hardly reclaimed from the wilderness, and lying still in much of the rudeness of primitive nature, with but a farm or a dwelling here and there to break the monotony of the scene, and to remind you that the settler has taken possession of the place, there is something especially interesting in the erection of a house of God, where he may be worshipped, and where the message of salvation may be proclaimed from Sabbath to Sabbath.

The Rev. George Sutherland has been laboring in the above district, conjoined with Lawrencetown and Lake Porter, for the last year and a half; and his labours have been peculiarly blessed. He has been able, through the blessing of God accompanying his efforts, to gather around him a numerous and devoted people who have felt the Word so much in