

By the time these lines are read, the Accounts of the various schemes of the Church will have closed for the year. An examination of the statement given in another column shows that while some of the Funds are in a good position, others have fallen short. The statement given in our columns is that of April 23th. The accounts will not close until the third or fourth of May, and there will be something received during these few days, so that some of the schemes may be expected to be in a little better position by that time, but on the whole a pretty correct idea of the financial position of the Eastern Section of the Church may be obtained from these figures.

The Augmentation Scheme in the Eastern Section, has, during the past year been again completely successful. The receipts for the year have been sufficient to pay in full all the grants that were made, and the scheme looks forward to another year in the comfortable position of owing no man anything, and having in its possession a comfortable working balance. There is every probability that, as was done last year there will be a still further reduction of ten per cent in the amount asked of the church for the coming year.

The Foreign Mission Work, including the two accounts, the first or general account and that of the *Dayspring* and Mission Schools, shows a balance on the wrong side of \$5000. Of this, more than \$2000 existed at the beginning of the year, while the remainder shows that the income of the year has fallen considerably short of the expenditure. This has been the case for the last four or five years, to a limited extent but not so much as during the year now closing.

One point that should be more fully insisted upon regarding missions is that *all* should give. No matter how trifling the amount. Poverty does not release from obligation to work for Christ in spreading His name. To whom little is given of them little is required but only from those to whom *nothing* is given, is nothing required. If by no possible means is one able to give a cent to missions then he is released and can confine his work in that direction to praying that the Lord of the Harvest would send forth more laborers

into His harvest. The world-renowned gift of the poor widow will stand in time and throughout eternity as one of the greatest contributions ever given to the cause of God. Many others like it have since been given but none greater.

The Session of the Theological Hall came to a formal close by a public meeting held in Fort Massey Church in the evening of April 28th. The Committee of Management met in the forenoon in the College at Pine Hill. The attendance of students during the past winter has been twenty-eight, the largest number for many years. Eleven young men finish their studies this spring and most of them will probably soon be settled in some of our vacant congregations. The graduating class are the following:

James T. Blair, Alex. Campbell, J. R. Coffin, E. M. Dill, John Hawley, James A. Johnson, D. McDonald, H. MacLean, John Valentine, A. P. Logan, and A. Hamilton.

Two things our Theological College needs, some more students and a little better support. While many of the congregations do something for it, there are some who do not. A very small collection from each congregation, about one-third of the amount raised last year for augmentation, would be sufficient. The value of the College to our Church in the labor done by our students in the Home Mission Field, and still more in the number of young men trained for the ministry in our church, is very great, and it should receive our heartiest support. Of the hundred and fifty-four ministers on the roll of our Synod *more than two-thirds* received their education wholly or chiefly in our own college. The welfare of our church depends to a considerable extent upon it.

Another thing that it needs is some more students. More boys from our Christian Homes wanted for this work, the best, most talented boys at that.

Wednesday, April 27th, was a notable day in the history of Dalhousie College. The corner stone of the new building was laid at half-past two o'clock by Sir Wm. Young, in the presence of a large gathering of citizens and friends of the college, from a distance. An hour later the closing exercises of a very successful session were held in the Masonic Hall.