

3 Will you vote for a non-political Council of Public Instruction, a Council to be composed of representative men specially appointed to superintend Schools, Academies, and Colleges, and that will not sacrifice the educational interests of the Province for the sake of the temporary advantage of party?

4. Do you believe that our School Law was intended to provide free and unsectarian schools for our children, and will you resist all tampering with the spirit of the law?

By order of the Halifax School Association.

M. H. RICHEY, President. EDWIN D. KING, Sec'y.

For the Christian Messenger.

TO THE LIBERAL READERS OF THE "CHRISTIAN MESSENGER."

Dear friends,—

The Baptist church and congregation at Lower Stewiacke are trying to build a new house of worship, a want greatly needed. We are few in number and low in purse. Will not you help us? We know that many calls are made on you at present. Yet a small portion from your "coffers" will not be missed by you, and will, we hope, greatly enrich us.

J. MEADOWS. Lower Stewiacke, Dec. 5, 1874.

For the Christian Messenger.

Dear Mr. Editor,—

The opinion was expressed in our hearing the other day that no one would respond to the appeal recently made on behalf of the new Academy building—that it would only serve to call attention to the matter, and prepare the way for a more direct personal solicitation.

But this of itself would be a sufficient reason for putting it forth. It is only fair that the public should be made fully acquainted with the object proposed, before being asked to assist in its attainment.

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Baptists of these Provinces needs to be enlightened on these points. All must perceive that our Institutions of learning are bound by a thousand ligatures to our entire denominational work:—that the important labors at home and abroad to which Providence seems to be inviting us must largely depend for accomplishment on their adequate sustentation.

But what bearing has all this upon the point in hand? Just this:—that the Baptist public being thoroughly convinced, as we believe, of the great desirableness of larger and better school accommodation at Wolfville, and having besides ample resources at their command, will generously and promptly forward their contributions for the new building now in course of erection.

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The number now in attendance at the Academy is over one hundred, and applications from nearly half a hundred more are in. Where they will find board and lodging is hardly yet clear. For those who have not the information, it may be stated that the new building is forty by eighty feet, four stories high besides the basement.

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Will the Pastors please bear in mind the collection on the first Lord's day in January, and seek to make it equivalent to twenty-five cents for each member of their respective churches? And will the deacons please co-operate and the sisters lend a helping hand? Then at our next Convention, not only will the building be completed, but we shall have the sweet satisfaction of knowing that it is paid for.

For the Committee, D. M. WELTON.

The Christian Messenger.

HALIFAX, N.S., DECEMBER 9, 1874.

HALIFAX.—In Granville Street Church the number of the disciples of Christ is being multiplied, and great grace is resting on the people. Large numbers are attending to hear the gospel and some are receiving the truth as it is in Jesus.

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stitution has just come into being, largely by her fostering care—the Young Women's Christian Association. It had but just matured its constitution and so was preparing for operation to benefit young women and provide for their mental and religious improvement.

THE ELECTIONS.—The Nomination of Candidates for the Local House of Assembly will take place to-morrow, Thursday the 10th, instant in the various counties of the province. There being so short a time since the issue of the writs some doubt has existed as to who would be the contestants that would receive nomination.

HALIFAX.—Gov't.—P. C. Hill, Edward Farrell, Donald Archibald.

COLCHESTER.—Gov't.—Fred. Putnam and Thomas Morrison.

PICOT.—Opp.—S. Holmes, Hugh Cameron, Alex McKay.

GLYNBOROUGH.—Gov't.—W. H. Wylde, C. M. Frenchville.

CAPE BRETON.—Opp.—Mr. Fraser and Mr. Kidson.

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rials for correcting and completing much of our present astronomical knowledge. Parties were stationed at between seventy and eighty different places in various parts of the world for the purpose of making observations of this phenomena. It will take several months for the completion of the results, but they will then be of great value.

Considerable interest is given to the elections coming off next week in consequence of the relation they are supposed to bear to the education question. We have complied with the request of the Committee of the Presbyterian Synod and the Halifax School Association and have inserted their addresses on the subject. These documents will be read by the electors on both sides.

In addition to this the Methodist ministers in Halifax—eight in number have published an Address which we are requested to copy, as follows:

TO THE FRIENDS OF EDUCATION IN NOVA SCOTIA:

Of the few questions of public interest and importance left to the disposal of the Provincial Assembly, the most vital perhaps is that of Education.

In the Dominion Parliament the famous Costigan Resolutions were moved, it will be remembered, for the purpose of wresting from the Province of New Brunswick the control of their public educational system. The indignation excited by that audacious and disloyal attempt to interfere with constitutional action, by the Local Legislature, found expression at the polls: and by overwhelming majorities, in almost every section of the province, at the recent election, the question was triumphantly settled.

The ecclesiastical policy, which, emanating from the Vatican, has produced distrust and dissension in the most liberal and progressive countries on both sides of the Atlantic, now threatens difficulty and disturbance in this ordinarily peaceful Province of Nova Scotia. It was distinctly shadowed forth in the late notorious Globe House manifesto, which, by means of the Press, was scattered broadcast throughout the Maritime Provinces.

Uneasy feeling and unsatisfactory results had for some time existed, in Halifax, under the present administration of education; but influential citizens shrank from the agitation of a subject which might provoke bitter and hostile feeling in the community. The pastoral of the Archbishops challenged public attention and afforded the desired opportunity. It was felt that unless vigilance were exercised and decisive action taken, our condition, though humiliating enough, might soon become worse, and an insufferable evil be extended to every part of the Province.

As the result of exceptional legislation for this city, of intrigue and manipulation, possible under the present constitution of the Educational Board, large and imposing buildings, paid for and used for public schools, are for all essential purposes Roman Catholic institutions—taxes are levied and disbursed to the annual amount of \$60,000 or \$70,000; but in the taxation citizens have no direct representation and over which they have no control.

This moderate and reasonable appeal has been refused. To no section and to no class of the citizens could it work an injustice. Roman Catholics would be upon a level with Protestants; and, in proportion to their number, which is very large, would have equal and full representation; but the effect of this constitutional reform would be to secure for the Board of Administration an element beyond the reach of ecclesiastical management.

We ask only that the Provincial Act, in its integrity, should apply to Halifax, and we believe that we are justified in appealing upon this question to every constituency in the country. To conserve, widen, and perpetuate the advantages of Free Education for the entire Province, is the sacred and imperative duty of every intelligent and independent elector.

The action of our own Conference, as published in the Minutes of 1873 fully warrants, we are assured, and authorizes this appeal to the members and adherents of our own church.

In the contest between party—government and opposition—and in regard to any political issues, Local or Provincial, we do not desire in the slightest manner to interfere. Against any political construction which may be put upon this appeal, we record a decided protest.

Education we believe to be the most vital question at the present time to be dealt