CHURCH AND STATE IN NOVA SCOTIA

This business of the Presbyterian Church with the State in the matter of Dalhousie College presents a fresh view as often as it gets a shake. It is a kaleidoscopic in its nature.

The yearly grants to the Colleges, including that to Dalhousie, are now withdrawn; but what of the situation, in this changed state of affairs? The several bodies, having Colleges, are thrown upon their own resources. They are left to fall back wholly upon their endowments, and the benevolence of their respective constituencies. Kings, Acadia, and all others, except Dalhousie, are now left to the care of their friends. But, while the several religious bodies, fostering their several. Colleges, are now forced to make extra efforts for further endowment, or let their Colleges suffer, what is the lot of Presbyterian body, one of the largest, and one of the richest bodies in the Maritime provinces? Here stands this body of people, arm in arm with the State in the matter of denominational education. The Presbyterian Synod is confessedly a Church Court. This ecclesiastical organization is linked by Statute law to the State. This religious court nominates certain Professors and Governors for Dalhousieprofessedly a State Institution. This is Church law and Statute law co-operating. But the business has not its alpha and omega in this mutual appointment of Professors and Governors. The Presbyterians support the Professors thus appointed.

So far, there is no expense to the State. Whatever may be said against the alliance of the Presbyterian Court and the State, the cost is, thas far, but nominal. But by examining a little Presbyterian Synod will give all its office. Fill it with the right man, and \$4; X Z Chipman, \$2; J M Aymar, further into subject it will be discovered money to support a school for instruct- never was a wiser step taken by the \$2.19. that this religious body, or, we should ing say, the leaders of it, had an eye, on entering upon this alliance in 1863, to the dollars and cents. By the arrangement the State provided for the Press byterians, free of lost, College premises less. Not so with Acadia. The people who are the friends of that College provided buildings for it. This has cost them \$30,000 at least, besides other buildings for the Academies. The State appropriates about \$3,000 a year, besides the buildings to help the Presbyterians. All this gain is obtained by law-by statute law. Here is the nest-egg of a State-Church! The tendency in England of late years has been to relieve the people, as a whole, from the expense of sustaining a State-Church, but in Neva Scotia things go the other way. When the people were asleep in 1863, the Presbyterian Synods walked hand in hand to the door of the State, and there made a Churchand-State alliance in the matter of College education, soothing the people, while they did it, by humming the lullaby of " Provincial University." The wool was most softly and dexterously drawn over the people's eyes and unspoken, but well known threats, in open or silent advocates of the scheme. It succeeded. We have it now! The State Church of Nova Scotia is the year; but it must be remembered that What will the end be?

The Free Church element had an eye to principle, as well as profit when, by the practical arrangements, the enof the Synod, and not given over, as the law provided, to the Dalhousie secure a just share. foundation. In the then future, it would be expedient to withdraw these endowanticipation of pecuniary advantage the advantage of having the State bear all the expense: but a principle was also involved, Church-and-State-ism was seen in the bargain with the Legislature. It, no doubt, looked ugly. It would not do to make it a fixture. The rear must be kept open. No money endow according to the Statute: that would be perpetual and unalterable. We are glad the Presbyterian body saw the situation, and prepared for their this little, foul blot of Church-and-Statehave no Church-and-State in Nova labors), ever the thought or the re-

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have. The Presbyterian Symod and all coming generations. And such being the State in Nova Scotia united in the case, so long as there remains one carrying on an Arts Course for the donor to Acadia who is not willing that Presbyterians, and that too largely at her Endowment should be turned over is amazing, it is scandalous!

for notice to quit. It should see that stand. the sentiment of the Legislature is against it in this matter, and that the and gratefully raise our Ebenezer, people are against it. Such an alliance "hitherto the Lord hath helped us," as now exists-that made in 1863- and go forward with implicit trust in could not be entertained now, were it God, in the benevolence, in the courage, newly mooted, no, not for a moment. the faithfulness, the love of all our peo-Such a movement would evoke an ex- ple. Some time since the Governors the Province to the other, such an ex- | Financial Secretary, which yet remains, of facing. The State has done wrong such an officer, as we understand it in this matter, and it is struggling to will be to go among the people, advothe Presbyterians will take their Pro- people in hearty and practical sympathy proposal requires a comment.

study for Presbyterian young men, the should be lost, we think, in filling this does this mean? It means just this! guishing feature of these modern times The Synod, now allied with the State, to promote all objects by the means of proposes conditions on which it will active and irrepressible agencies. So separate. What are they? Here they must it be with Acadia if she would are. If the State will endow and flourish. Her wants, her excellencies, when afflicted with, and often times and buildings worth \$50,000, more or support a College for us in perpetuity, the duties of the people, must be pained to witness her struggling with with the State! Well this has the tists henceforth, always, everywhere. medium, that she has been relieved of merit of containing distinct and com- The Baptists of these Provinces can the above referred to difficulty. She prehensible conditions. If the people give themselves to no greater work of Nova Scotia will endow a College than the building up of a Grand Uniterian Synod will divorce itself from always be administered, not by the the State! We have no objection to nominees of changing political parties, the parties in question. Let us have are equal to the occasion! divorce by all means, but let the divorce be effected on principle and not by

COLLEGE MATTERS.

The third session of the present House of Assembly has come and gone; much has been attempted, written, said, and done in respect to the Colleges, but as the smoke clears away the mean time, made politicians either only one result appears—the University of Halifax has no longer a name to live. Its vitality is gone. What the law of 1875 determined should Presbyterian body. It only costs the take place has taken place. It said people of the Province about \$6000 a | the grants "shall cease" with the year. 1880, and the grants have ceased. And this is in the simple matter of College | now, for once, all the Colleges are on education. This is the beginning! an equality as far as public aid is concerned, -all but one, of which we shall have something to say further on. The main, if not the only object, the Baptists ever had for approaching the dowments, from which the three Pres- | Legislature was, that so long as it was byterian Professors are new supported | the policy of the Legislature to make in Dalhousie, were held in the hands grants, they, the Baptists, were determined to use their best endeavours to

It becomes now the question of the hour for the Baptists of the Maritime ments, so called, and appropriate them | Provinces how they shall make up for to Theological purposes. This was the loss of the Provincial Grant, and go on to make Acadia yet more and more efficient than she has ever been. Some few may, perhaps, start a previous question, and ask whether we should not give up our cherished work of endowing and carrying on Acadia College for the purpose of casting in our lot with others in the endeavour to must be risked. It would not do to found and build up one Grand University? To that question we say it is Too late. When our fathers, through the sore necessities of the time, laid the foundations of Acadia College in prayer own deliverance, and for washing out and sacrifice, when they sought and obtained chartered rights, giving her the ism from the Statute book of Nova status of a University, were they lay-Scotia. The way is open. No Legis- ing foundations merely to last for the lation is necessary. The profit enjoyed short period of forty or fifty years? for the last eighteen years by the Had the generation to whom Acadia Presbyterians, at the expense of the chiefly owes her present endowment, Province, will be forgotten. Let us (who have ceased from their earthly

Scotia. It might as well be understood | motest idea that the time would come genius of the age in which we live. If exist? Nay, may. Perpetuity is the the Roman Catholics and Episcopalians | thought inseparably connected with her feel that the union of Church and State | whole history, the water-mark in its in Nova Scotia is impracticable, surely every leaf. And every dollar that has the Presbyterians, and they chiefly of ever been contributed to her Endowment Free Church traditions and sympathise has been given upon the under-tanding that that dollar would go on yielding. What an unseemly specticle we now fruit, - Acadia College fruit, too, -to the expense of the entire Province; to alien hands, so long, we may say, as and three-fourths of the people washing | honesty and faithfulness to sacred trusts their hands of the business, and pro- remain among us, nay, so long as a testing against it from year to year. It | Court of Equity remains to prevent the violation of legal obligations, the Last week we said the Legislature Trustees and Governors of Acadia ought to give the Presbyterian body College will go on to administer her one year's notice before breaking up funds as they have heretofore done. this arrangement. Now we say the Acadia was founded to stand and live Presbyterian Synod ought not to wait and flourish so long as the world shall What shall we now do? Humbly

pression of opposition from one end of of the College established the office of pression as no Legislature would think | we believe, unfilled. The duties of recede, and waits the action of the cate the claims of Acadia, stir up and Presbyterians. The Presbyterian Wit- direct the benevolence of all her friends, ness has again and again averred that build up the Endowment, keep all our fessors out of Dalhousie if the State with the Horton Institutions, direct will endow an Arts Course! This young men and women thither, and, in all possible ways, build up and promote If the State will provide a course of these loved seats of learning. No time its Theological students. What Governors of Acadia. It is the distinwe will withdraw from our Alliance pressed home to the hearts of all Bapfor Presbyterians, then the Presby- versity at Horton, whose affairs shall the divorce! We are in zealous sym- but by wise and Christian men-the pathy with it, for we think the union choice of the whole body in Convenboth unjust and unholy, but we ob- tion assembled-and, despite what the ject to pay so large a price to one of | timid or faithless may say, the Baptists

One other point we promised to touch, and young. namely the position of Dalhousie College. That is a matter of minor importance to us, as our own College is John Vooght, of Vooght Bres., our chief concern. We shall at present only say that, as lovers of justice be satisfied to see the Castine Fund, which is Provincial, administered for DR. MACLARTY, M. D. the benefit of only one denomination; and each succeeding Government and Legislature may expect to have a perilous College question on their hands until justice is satisfied, and what was intended for all the people shall be placed in such a position that it can be enjoyed by all the people. Meanwhile, we infinitely prefer to be the sufferers by injustice than to be the doers thereof, or the participators in advantages unjustly obtained.

We clip the following from the Presbyterian Witness of Saturday last:

"English Baptists are agitating in one of their papers in favour of making the mode of Baptism an open question. They regard the mode as non-essential."

We wish to put the most charitable construction on the utterances of our contemporary, and, therefore, content ourselves with saying that he is greatly misinformed on this matter, probably from having obtained his information from an untrustworthy, and not a Baptist, source. He is surely labouring under a strange misapprehension to think that any Baptist should regard "the mode as non-essential," seeing that there is but one mode of baptism. There are, doubtless, various substitutes for baptism, but they cannot be regarded as "modes."

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