

altogether in a one-sided manner. No doubt, when the time arrives, which the Board may think suitable, it will be able to explain the reason for its action in accepting Brother Armstrong's resignation." If the writer is not a member of the Board, we might ask him if he is sure that the Board has accepted Bro. Armstrong's resignation. He must be "in the secret of the Board" to know whether that be a fact. Anonymous communications on such matters are very unsatisfactory, and often lead to the supposition that there are "secrets," where all should be open and straightforward. To talk of "secrets," and to threaten "a full exposure of the whole matter," is not quite in character in relation to such an Executive Board, and members, using such expressions, do not, we believe, fairly represent the Board, or what the Board ought to be, and to feel, having such work in charge. Writers on such matters, should append their names, so that it may be known who is responsible for their utterances. It is painful in the extreme for us to write after this sort, of brethren whom we love sincerely, holding them, and especially the Secretary, in high esteem, as we do, and have done for more than thirty years. But we feel that we should not be performing what we regard as our duty to the cause of Christ, if we failed to show our readers in what respects we think they have erred.

COLLEGE MATTERS.

The time for convening the Local Legislature is at hand, and soon we shall have the "assembled wisdom" of the country earnestly discussing the question of grants for Higher Education. The Government, no doubt, are even now considering the matter. In a former issue we freely intimated our opinion on the question, and we think there should be no great difficulty in adopting a sound policy. To continue the grants in all respects as heretofore would, of course, obviate any question, for we assume that the governing bodies of the various Colleges would continue to acquiesce in the arrangement as the best possible under all the circumstances. Owing to our crippled finances, however, some changes may be necessary; but, if public grants are given at all, Acadia College will, of course, receive full consideration. In her Arts course she is "non-sectarian—free to all, open to all," and has rendered and is rendering to the public, in the cause of education services, too valuable to be despised by the Legislature of the country.

It is possible that the Government may find themselves able to devote so small a sum of money to Higher Education as to render a division of it in the form of grants to the various Universities practically of little value, and may, therefore, determine to withdraw all grants. In this event there is but one alternative. If a new departure is to be made the whole matter of Collegiate Education in this Province will be brought under review, so that it may be placed on an equitable and solid basis. There must be no misapprehension about this question. The facts are simple enough. A brief glance may be of service to some of our readers. In October, 1815, shortly after the close of the second American war, a despatch from the Imperial Government was received at Halifax directing that the duties which had been collected at Castine while it was occupied by British troops should be devoted to improvements in Nova Scotia.

Subsequently, by resolution of the Governor and H. M. Council for the Province, the whole "Castine Fund," amounting to £10,750 sterling (except £1,000 which went to the Garrison Library), was, with the approval of the Prince Regent, devoted to Higher Education, to be kept free from all sectarian influence or control. Why this large fund, with the annual income accruing therefrom, should have been quickly handed over to the Presbyterian denomination for the education of Presbyterian boys with spotless Scotch cognomens, has long been a mystery to very many people in this country. The just and equitable distribution of this fund may be a proper matter for the consideration of Government, and must receive due attention when they meet to carve out a new educational policy. Then, we find on referring to the Journals of Parliament, under date of April 4th, 1823, that the House of Assembly agreed to lend £5,000 to Dalhousie College on security of the funds of the College in England, to be settled by a Bill to be enacted 23 voting for the loan and 11 against it. Not one dollar of this large loan has ever been repaid

to the Province. But it is secured on the "funds of the College in England," and if, in any new departure, it is still thought advisable to employ this large sum in the cause of Higher Education, there is surely no good reason why our Presbyterian friends should be permitted to retain the whole of it. These two funds, judiciously distributed among the various Universities, would give timely aid and prove a valuable stimulus to Higher Education, while, at the same time, it would do much to lighten the shock which would surely be felt on the withdrawal of the annual public grants. Let the Presbyterians, we say, retain all the Legislative Grants given to Dalhousie, sometimes thousands of dollars in one year, and amounting in the aggregate to many thousands of dollars; but the funds referred to belong to the Province, and as they have already been devoted to Higher Education, there should be no difficulty in making the equitable distribution suggested.

We are quite aware that our programme will not be very popular with certain of our neighbours. Indeed, a policy radically different has been already recommended to the Government and Legislature. All at once it has been discovered that Kings College is not denominational—that she is a "Public Trust!" She has a Royal Charter and a noble prestige. Her library and museum are the best equipped of any in the Province. She will, therefore, make a valuable adjunct to Dalhousie, also a "Public Trust." Accordingly we find Professor McGregor, the son of a Presbyterian minister, but one of the Professors of Dalhousie who is not himself a Presbyterian minister, in one of his recently published letters, writing thus:

"There is no doubt that Dalhousie, though far stronger than Kings in the numbers of her students and of her Professors, is ready at a moment's notice to unite. Her governors, her Professors, her graduates, her students, and her friends, have taken all opportunities to make known not only their willingness, but even their eager desire to combine forces and through union to attain greater strength. Should the Government make the proposal, King's alone would be responsible either for its falling to the ground, or for the Government's being forced to commit to one public trust, new forces which would soon make it so strong, that the other would be left even weaker than it now is."

The italics only are ours. This has somewhat of the ring of authority about it. Perhaps it is only presumption. We shall see. Meanwhile we shall not lose sight of the Professor's letters.

Many of our readers are familiar with the name of Mr. (now Rev.) Bornthorn Musgrave. Some time since he became a minister of the Reformed Episcopal Church in St. John, N. B. We find in the St. John Visitor the following communication from Mr. Musgrave concerning his present position:

RESIGNATION OF REV. MR. MUSGRAVE.—I have withdrawn myself from the pastorate of the congregation of the Reformed Episcopal Church in Saint John. My convictions, both as to the plainest Christian truth, and as to the published principles of the Reformed Episcopal Church, are at variance with the ideas of the most prominent members of that congregation. And therefore I am of opinion that I cannot continue conscientiously to minister to those persons.

From the children of God among my people I part with the deepest regret, but I shall meet them hereafter. My attachment to the declared principles of the Reformed Episcopal Church, is by no means abated; on the contrary, it is deepened and strengthened, and for that very reason I cannot allow these vital principles to be invaded and impaired by men who are undiscerning, and therefore sadly presumptuous.

For myself, sniffer me to say that I am simply orthodox, holding exactly the doctrinal views of Archbishop Leighton and Bishop Pearson, of Harvey and Romaine, and more recently of Miss F. R. Havergal. But as to verbal expressions, I stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and I am not willing to be entangled again with another yoke of bondage. This letter is not intended to convey censure nor to provoke controversy; it is a public withdrawal from a pastoral position which I can no longer fill with that useful devotion to Christ, without which all labor is lost. I am, sir, your obedient servant, BORNTHORN MUSGRAVE, St. John, 14th Feb., 1881.

We are glad to find by the Canadian Baptist that the churches of Ontario are receiving accessions to their ranks. Stayer and Creemore report two baptisms on the 16th. Woodstock, two baptisms by Pastor Ashley. Brighton,

ten happy converts by Pastor Ainsworth. During some protracted meetings here, some twenty-five or thirty professed faith in Christ, some of whom have united with the Ingersoll Church. At Toronto, College Street, Pastor Salmon baptized sixteen on Lord's Day morning—thirteen of them came from Etobicoke. At York Mills, Rev. Wm. Brookman gave an excellent Bible reading on Baptism to a crowded congregation, and at the close baptized three candidates. At Collingwood, during January, there have been baptisms on three occasions, at which eighteen were baptized, and on Feb. 6th, two more. At Mount Brydges Caradoc, Rev. H. C. Speller of Woodstock, baptized five young persons in name of the Lord Jesus.

A new church was formed at WHEATLEY on the 25th of January, and recognized by delegates from nine or ten neighbouring churches in council assembled. These are encouraging signs. TORONTO, JARVIS STREET CHURCH.—Dr. Castle has just entered upon the ninth year of his pastorate in Jarvis St. During his eight years 810 have been received into the church—493 by baptism, 257 by letter, 56 by experience, and 4 by restoration. The dismissals have been, by letter 270, by death 47, by erasure 54, and by exclusion 25, total 396, net increase 414, which, with 352 when he entered upon his work make the present number upon the roll 766.

MONCTON, N. B.—Rev. G. O. Gates gives a good report. He says: "Of late we have been cheered by a marked increase of interest in church work. Some that for a long while have been apparently indifferent, have been revived and are now taking their places as active workers in the church. Last Sabbath it was my privilege to baptize two rejoicing believers in the Lord Jesus."

REV. SYDNEY WELTON in a postscript, sends us the following welcome item of intelligence:—

"You will be pleased to learn, that Rev. S. B. Kempton is decidedly convalescent, he was out to church last Sabbath and his people hope he will soon be able to resume his work. I have engaged to supply for the church until Mr. Kempton recovers."

We are pleased to learn from Rev. John O. Gordon, of Milton, Yarmouth, that he has recovered so far as to be able to occupy his pulpit twice on Lord's Days. He expresses himself much indebted to Revs. John Rowe, G. B. Tins, P. McGregor, and H. N. Parry, for supplying his people during his illness. He adds, May God reward them. Our congregations are increasing. Two were received by letter on Lord's Day.

The death of the REV. JAMES COOPER, D. D., an aged and much esteemed Baptist Minister of Western Ontario, is announced in the Canadian Baptist. He died at Kelso, Scotland, on the 16th of January, of pleurisy. He had been in the ministry since 1843—a period of 36 years. He had labored in the churches successively at Perth, Brockville, Woodstock, Aylmer and London, and was largely instrumental in getting the Educational Institute at Woodstock started.

The editor remarks: "It is generally known that for a number of years Dr. Cooper contributed to our editorial columns. Some of our readers and most incisive articles were from his pen."

Notices.

MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.—The next meeting of the Cumberland and Colchester Ministerial Conference will be held with the Baptist Church at Greenville, Cumberland Co., on Monday March 7th, 1881. Rev. D. A. Steele was appointed to preach the first sermon at 7 o'clock on Monday, P. M. All the brethren are earnestly requested to attend. C. H. MARTELL, Onslow, Feb. 21st, 1881.

CONVENTION FUNDS RECEIVED.—Granville St. Church, Halifax, \$65 00 Cheogoggia Church, Yarmouth, 13 95 First Digby Neck Church, do, 3 00 L. O. Neily, Esq., Aylesford, 5 00 \$86 95 G. E. DAY, Yarmouth, Feb. 19, 1881.

To CORRESPONDENTS.—We have been obliged to defer several Obituary Notices and other communications, but hope to insert them in our next.

KINGS COUNTY MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.—This body will meet with the Kentville Church on Tuesday, March 1st, 1881, at 2 o'clock, P. M., and it is hoped that a large representation will be present from the churches of the County. It is expected that Revs. Dr. Sawyer, Geo. Armstrong, J. L. Read, and D. M. Welton will each read a paper. Rev. E. Whitman from Hantsport will preach in the evening when a collection will be taken up for Missions. The meetings of the Conference will be open to the members of the Kentville Church. Churches are entitled to send two or more delegates. D. M. WELTON, Sec'y. pro tem.

The next meeting of the Colchester and Cumberland Counties Baptist Sabbath School Convention will be at Greenville Crossing, Cumberland Co. on the 9th of March, at 10 o'clock, A. M. There will be three papers read before the Convention, viz.: "The Uniform Lesson" by Rev. T. B. Layton. "The work furnished" with workers qualified by knowledge of the word, by Rev. M. P. Freeman, 2 o'clock, P. M. "Our work, promoted by Christian love and sympathy," by Brother Wm. Cummings, 7 o'clock, P. M. There will not be any forms sent the schools before the Convention, but it is very desirable that every school, in these two Counties, be represented by letter and delegate.

A. J. WALKER, Sec'y. Truro, Feb. 18, 1881. RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AND SOCIETIES. Mrs. L. O. Neily, Aylesford, \$1 00 Westport, Mrs. A. L. Rockwell, 1 00 Pine Grove, Mrs. C. L. Dodge, \$ 5 00 Bequest of the late Mr. John Dodge, 6 00 11 00 M. R. SELDEN, Treasurer. Halifax, Feb. 22, 1881.

NOTICE.—Churches that have not received copies of the Year Book for 1881 should communicate with Rev. J. E. Hopper, 99 Germain Street, St. John, N. B. E. M. KEIRSTEAD, Secretary of Convention.

Donation Visit.—Allow me through the Messenger to return my sincere thanks to my church and friends for their liberal donations. At Torbrook on the 17th, \$55; at the Parsonage on the 18th, \$38; at Meadowvale on the 21st; \$12; making in all the sum of \$105. This is the eighth donation made to me by this church. May the giver of every good and perfect gift, abundantly bless those who cheerfully support his cause. W. J. BLAKENEY, Nielaux, Feb. 15, 1881.

Moneys Received.—Mrs. W. O. Fitch, \$2; D. W. Moore, \$2; J. C. Anderson, \$2; C. H. Payson, \$2; Rev. O. Chute, \$1.50; Mrs. Dugwell, \$2; Dr. G. E. De Witt, \$5; N. Miller, Esq., \$10; M. Kinsman, \$5; Rev. I. R. Skinner, \$2; Rev. J. H. Robbins, \$1; Isa Thurber, \$2; L. O. Neily, \$2; Rev. P. R. Foster, \$5.00; D. Whitman, \$7; Rev. J. A. Gordon, \$2; R. B. Mood, \$2; Rev. A. H. Lavers, \$1; A. Shaw, \$2; Mrs. A. L. Rockwell, \$1; Joseph A. Ingraham, Esq., \$2; Thos. A. Wilson, \$9.80; A. J. Ledbetter, yes, thanks, \$2; M. A. Gourley, \$2; M. E. Marshall, \$4; S. B. Dimock, \$4; I. L. Fulton, \$2.

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