English Baptists are shortly to have a lege Bill," new collection of Church Music. About fifty years ago the Union Tune Book an excellent collection was published and was very generally used. Then the Bristol Tone Book was brought out, having quite a different character, especially in its harmonies. This is w very generally adopted.

The wide circulation given to Sankey's Hymns and Songs has awakened a change in the style of music for the people. The popular taste being so changed mo st be met, but, whilst it would not be a estrable to regard this style as the best suited for use in public worship, yet sou 'e of that character of music is needed to give a good variety for church and h ome use. It is well said by the Freeman :

Let musical sciolists exp ress what contempt they may, the peop le want more variety in sacred song the 'n has been the fashion of late years in our sanctuary. A reaction is setting in For what is sometimes called 'plain church song 'our wants are well supplied. A new tune book in our judgment, to meet the needs of the hour, must not only give us the favourites of this class, but must recover some of the grand discarded music of the past and is the old estab. 'ished Christian newsferent class still. The harmony must be good and grammatical. All vulgarity must be avoided; but, after all, the taste must be that of the masses rather than that of the few. Our want is more variety in the service of song in the house of the Lord.

THE relation of Picton Academy to Dalhousie College has been of such a character that the students of the latter are largely from the former. This was noticed in a recent article in one of the Halifax papers in the way of a compliment to that institution. A correspondent of the Morning Chronicle subsequently wrote the editor of that paper and said-

"That Pictou Academy should send up more matriculants to Dalhousie than any other institution in the Province is not at all difficult to understand, when it is remembered that it holds virtually the same relation to Dalhousie that Horton Academy does to Acadia or the Collegiate School to Kings. A certain proportion of the young men who wish to enter Dalhousie College go to Pictou Academy to prepare for the matriculation, these, in most casses, being persons who have arrived at a period of maturity, and the view to meet their wants. It is only natural, therefore, that such persons should be successful in an examination Academies, who, in the majority of cuses, are mere lads ranging from thirteen to seventeen years of sge."

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let me ask of you, Mr. Editor, venient time, and speak a word to enthe superintendent of Education, the courage those who are not subscribers writer of the article referred to to become so at once. This is the best above, or, in fact, of any one who can time to subscribe. Brethren, help! and will afford us the information, what are the grounds on which the Holmes Government justified themselves for Government justified themselves for their continuance to Pictou Academy alone, of all similar institutions in the Province, the grant of \$1,400 per Province, the grant of \$1,40 annum. Doubtless there are reasons ustifying this grant as the good Presbyterians of Pictou would not take nor appropriate to their own use money from the public treasury unless they had some just and reasonable claim to it. What, then, are these reasons, as that has been withdrawn from all others equally as deserving, considered in connection with what the Presbyterian body already enjoys of public money, invested in Dalhousie College, induces one to believe that in this Province ustice always has her blind eye turned in the direction of those institutions which are under the special patronage of our Presbyterian brethren.

Pictou Academy performs two functions-(1) as a County Academy for the County of Pictou-and (2) as a training or preparatory school for Dalhousie College. As a Country Academy, it is entitled to receive a grant of \$600 per annum; as a collegiate school, judging by the justice that is meted out to the Academies at Wolfville and Windsor, it is entitled to-nothing. On what ground then is it paid the that grew near the piazza. grant [of \$1,400? It would also be interesting to know if, in withdrawing the grant of \$1,400 which has hitherto been made to Yarmouth Seminary, the late Government were actuated by any other motive than that of retaliation against the late member for Yarmouth,

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