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[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

LOOK UNTO ME.

Storm rises on the clearest day;
The fairest blossom fades away;
Earth's brightest water hath a moan;
Earth's beauteous main a tempest tone:
And these are emblems of the heart,
Whose richest earthly hopes depart.
Lost wanderers on a treacherous sea,
A voice from heaven!—Look unto me.

O, stooping mercy, could'st thou speak
Such words to 'lume the wasted cheek,
To cheer the bosom of despair,
To wake immortal raptures there.
The stifled sigh, the gathering tear,
The forms that rise yet scarce appear,—
Oh what are these!—oh what are ye?
Lord, hast thou said—Look unto me.

Redeemer, when the prosperous morn
In kirtle of rich cloud is born;
While life, which hath this early day,
Dreamless and fearless of decay,
Is round my buoyant footsteps spread,
Fresh as the leaf above the dead—
The leaf which speaks not death to me—
Lord, let me hear and Look to Thee.

And when by darker hours dismay'd,
In life's accustom'd, deepen'd shade;
When toiling on the thorny road
To death's still city of abode,
With none around, my steps to cheer,
With none to dry the falling tear,
Then, in my soul's humility,
Redeemer, let me Look to Thee.

For thou, the Prophet and the Priest,
Art gone into the holiest;
And, not with blood of bullock's slain,
But with the droppings of thy pain,
Those precious drops which ever plead,
And with the Father intercede:
And by that blood and agony,
Jesus, thou speakest—Look to me. K.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

Upon reading the editorial of last week we presume that our friends will naturally wish to see the letter which was sent to the British Banner of March 8, from Nova-Scotia. We now publish it with Dr. Campbell's remarks appended to it, as he published it, and we add the letter of Rev. J. C. Gallaway, who has shown so kind an attention to our Deputation, with the letter of our brethren and Dr. Campbell's remarks, as they were given in the British Banner of March 15th. We also present the testimonials of gentlemen in England in behalf of our object, with the names of the donors who had contributed up to the time of An Acadian's Letter, since which time to the sailing of the Mail Steamer, our brethren had received about £35 sterling, additional.

We hope our dear brethren are constantly remembered in the prayers of our readers.

[From the British Banner, London, March 6.]

BAPTIST COLLEGE, NOVA SCOTIA.

To the Editor of the British Banner.

SIR,—I wish to call the attention of the opponents of State-education, to a Deputation from the Baptists of Nova Scotia—Rev. Messrs. Bill and Francis, who are now in England soliciting aid for a Baptist College in this province. For several weeks I have been at a loss as to the nature of their mission, although several letters have been received from them since they arrived in England, and published in the *Christian Messenger*, the journal of the

Nova Scotian Baptists—all has been dark!—At last, I have ascertained that they are collecting for their college here; and, according to Mr. Bill's statement, Dr. Raffles has taken some interest in their mission, and has written letters of introduction for them to parties in the metropolis.

Now, a statement has been current in Nova Scotia—that the Baptists were about to relinquish the dole of State aid they have hitherto received for their college. Messrs. Bill and Francis may have made this statement also in the "old country,"—hence their partial success. At the time this Deputation left home, it was reported that the Baptists would repudiate the public grant for their college; but would except one for their academy. Now this academy is held under the same roof as the college, and is under the direction of the same persons as the college itself; indeed the distinction is a mere nominal one. But it turns out, after all, that this show of consistency is a mere sham! The Baptists will gladly accept a continuation of the State grant to their college at Horton, if they can get it. The following statement was made in the House of Assembly the other day. I copy from the *Christian Messenger*—remember it is a Baptist organ:—"Hon. Mr. Johnston took the opportunity to correct a mis-statement he had seen—to wit, that the Baptist Education Society had changed their minds, and did not intend to take any more government aid. It was an entire mistake. Hon. G. R. Young said, that he presumed the Free Church intended to apply only for their academy—not a college.—Hon. Mr. Johnston (laughing,) Oh, as to that we might easily accommodate ourselves to words, provided the aid be given." Now, Mr. Johnston is a deacon of the Baptist Church in Halifax, was the unrelenting foe of Rev. Mr. Belcher, the former pastor of the Church, and hurried him out of Nova Scotia because of his manly defence of liberal opinions. Mr. Johnston was formerly a churchman, then became a Baptist, and was late leader of the Tory administration. He is the first layman of the Baptist body. Strange to tell, his influence, combined with that of a few converts the Baptists have made from Episcopacy, has turned nearly all the Baptist ministers in Nova Scotia into colonial Tories.

Mr. Bill, who is now in England, I am informed on good authority, is a Tory Baptist which is a term denoting an advocate of Colonial mis-rule, State-pay, and irresponsible government.

The Baptists should receive no aid for their college here, from the friends of civil and religious liberty at home, until they eschew this grant. As a body in this province, they are numerous and wealthy. If they were the friends of liberty, as the Baptists in the "old country," Nova Scotia would be free to-morrow! They constitute the main buttress that sustains State education—it must fail when they become enlightened, and learn to be just. I am almost certain, by the mystery which has enveloped this Deputation, and the darkness in which all this has been kept, that they think they will be able to obtain aid from the Baptists of England before all this is discovered. Have they been ingenuous in this affair? I trust the Deputation will have a useful lecture read them by the Nonconformists of England—that they will be refused assistance, until they repudiate State pay for sectarian purposes, and that they will return home to tell their brethren that the Baptists of Great Britain detest the plague-spot of State-pay too much to sanction and support those who have the mark of it upon them in the colonies.

Yours truly,
AN ACADIAN.
Nova Scotia, Feb. 19, 1850.

* * * This communication very much sur-

prises us. We have had repeated interviews with the gentlemen above mentioned, and to whom we gave the best advice experience enabled us to supply, how to proceed with their object—advice on which they acted, and, in consequence, have obtained a number of the best names in the Metropolis to their case.—We now regret having done so; since had we known these facts previously, we certainly should not. We need hardly express a hope of their being able to give any satisfactory explanation, since, from the character of our Correspondent, we entertain entire confidence that in all the main facts, he is correct. His position affords him the means of knowledge, while his character guarantees his integrity.—Ed.

[From the British Banner of March 15th.]
Acadia College, Nova Scotia.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BRITISH BANNER.

No. I.

SIR,—Having appended my name to the appeal of Messrs. Bill and Francis on behalf of Acadia College, Nova-Scotia, and having based my testimonial on personal observation, I feel it due to myself, as well as to the above-respected Deputation, to say a few words in reference to a letter signed "an Acadian," which appeared in your columns last Wednesday. I am quite aware that Acadia College was once partially sustained by an annual grant from the Provincial Legislature. I am equally aware that that grant was no real benefit to the Institution, or the denomination that sanctioned it. It was my own deep conviction of the injurious influence of these Government grants to denominational colleges, that had considerable influence in inducing me, in conjunction with my brethren, to promote the formation of another College in Nova-Scotia—the one in Liverpool, in that province; which undertaking was so liberally sustained by the late Mrs. Gorham, of that town.

If Acadia College had been in the same position at the present time. I should have declined recommending it to the voluntary contributions of British Christians. But the position of the Institution is in this respect essentially changed.

I understand that, by an alteration which the Baptist denomination of the three Lower Provinces has recently made in the management of Acadia College they have virtually renounced all Government assistance, and have placed the support of the institution entirely upon voluntary contributions.

I believe the Baptist denomination in those provinces have been placed in this position by the force of circumstances, and, being placed in it, I believe they are beginning to see its essential propriety; and that, whatever they may do with their schools, that Acadia College is, and will continue to be, unsupported by, and, therefore, uncontrolled by the State.—With the political opinions of either or both of the Deputation, Messrs. Bill and Francis, I feel that I have nothing to do,—much less do I hold myself responsible for any expressions ascribed to Mr. Johnston in the Provincial Assembly. But I have no hesitation in saying, that Acadia College is in itself a good institution, and that Messrs. Bill and Francis are truly Christian and very respectable members of the Baptist denomination in the Lower Provinces.

I remain, dear Sir, yours truly,
J. C. GALLAWAY.

London, March 11, 1850.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BRITISH BANNER.

No. II.

SIR,—We feel that it is alike due to our-

country, as well as to the Institution which we represent, to make some explanation in reference to a letter, signed "An Acadian," and published in the *British Banner* of Wednesday last. Your Correspondent loses sight altogether of a most important change which has occurred in the management of Acadia College, and represents it as still receiving Government support. We are happy to state, that we have documents in our possession, published in Halifax, Nova-Scotia, which distinctly show that, in September last, at a numerous convention of the Baptist denomination of Nova-Scotia, New-Brunswick, and Prince Edward's Island, the Government, and consequently, the support of Acadia College, was wholly removed from all connexion with the State. This Institution, therefore, is henceforth to be governed upon the Voluntary Principle, and is to be sustained entirely by the free-will offerings of its friends. Having thus to provide for the annual support of the Institution, we were unable, in addition, to meet heavy liabilities against it in the shape of debt. Hence the appointment of the Deputation to this country to seek for aid. In perfect accordance therefore, with the decision of the Convention, we have presented our appeal to British benevolence, as well as to our friends in the colonies, upon the principle that the College must stand or fall, in proportion as it is sustained by free contributions.

As the personal reflections of "An Acadian," do not in any way affect the question at issue, we must be excused from making any comment upon them.

We shall be most happy to submit the documents to which we have referred, to investigation, or to furnish any additional information that may be required.

We remain, Sir, yours respectfully,

I. E. BILL.
JOHN FRANCIS.

London, March, 11, 1850.

* * * The Documents referred to have been submitted to us, and are, in our judgment perfectly satisfactory. Still our Correspondent, in his state of knowledge, acted as became a man jealous for the honour of truth; and his statement has even served to promote the interests of the Deputation by bringing more fully forward their integrity, their desert, and the claims of their object, which we consider special and great, and cordially commend to the British Churches.—Ed.

Acadia College, Nova Scotia.

This is one of the most catholic and useful Institutions of learning in British North America. It has been signally blessed in extending to all classes of the people an enlightened Education, without reference to sect or party. In consequence of the financial depression of the Colonies, it has become embarrassed in its circumstances, and its friends are reluctantly compelled to look to the parent land for aid.

The subjoined Testimonials will show the interest which is felt for the Institution by gentlemen of the highest standing, and of different shades of political and religious opinions in the Colonies, and the light in which this application to British benevolence is regarded in this country:—

"Halifax, Nova Scotia, January, 1850.

"We, the undersigned, being fully satisfied that Acadia College, established at Horton, Nova Scotia, is a highly efficient institution of learning,—that it is doing much for the diffusion of education in the lower provinces of British North America, feel much pleasure in commending it, through its accredited agents, the Rev. Messrs. Bill and Francis, to the favorable regard and cordial support of the friends