

well as in the Apostolic age. All who can take a full College course, and a Theological course afterwards, should be encouraged to do so. But in many instances, especially in these Provinces, this thorough training, however desirable, cannot be secured. Some cannot study the learned languages, others, at the end of the College course, are so affected by the wants of the Churches that they feel constrained to engage in ministerial labour at once, without obtaining Theological instruction. Some of them, probably, will regret this step a few years hence.

In view of these facts, the Theological course in this Institution has been so arranged that all the students who are candidates for the ministry, attend the lectures and take part in the exercises, whether they are engaged in collegiate studies or not. The course of instruction embraces the following branches:—

1. Scripture Interpretation;
2. Biblical Theology;
3. Ecclesiastical History;
4. Probical Theology;
5. Ministerial and Pastoral Duties.

This course will occupy two years. I am now engaged in lecturing on "Scripture Interpretation" and "Biblical Theology." The first course will be completed this Term, and will be superseded, next Term, by "Ecclesiastical History"; in that Term, also, "Biblical Theology" will probably be completed. The other courses will be taken up, (D. V.) in the following year.

Two things are required of the Churches. First, that they will encourage young men whom the Lord has called to preach the Gospel, by *helping to support them* while prosecuting their studies, whether they take the Collegiate or the partial course. Secondly, that they will not tempt young men to engage permanently in the ministry without obtaining instruction. Such cases are constantly occurring. It is a very injurious policy, and many pastors and churches will have cause to regret its adoption. I am, dear brethren,

J. M. CRAMP.

Acadia College, April 7, 1853.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Sackville, March 31, 1853.

Messrs. Editors,—We had, yesterday, the pleasure of witnessing an interesting *Donation Visit* paid the Rev. W. G. Parker, at the neat and commodious mission house recently erected by the church and congregation at Point DeBute. And I would just say, in reference to the mission house, that the church—which are but few in number—should receive great credit and high applause for so noble an effort. Although the roads were almost impassable, nearly fifty persons assembled about 4 o'clock, P. M., prepared, and consequently partook of a social cup of tea, &c., and subsequently engaged in interesting religious exercises. The Pastors of the first Baptist Church at Sackville, and of the Baptist Church at Amherst, were present and conducted the service. The following addresses were presented:

To the Rev. W. G. Parker, Pastor of Point DeBute Church, &c., New Brunswick.

Rev. and Dear Sir:—The undersigned, members of the church and congregation over whom you preside, being desirous of showing our sense of the obligation we are under to Almighty God for the blessings of the everlasting gospel, and our sincere respect for you as His minister, have taken the liberty of calling at the mission house, to ask your acceptance of these small tokens of our esteem.

Permit us to assure you that it is our hearts desire, and prayer to God, that you, Mrs. Parker, and children, may long be spared to be a blessing to our communities.

(Signed) SYLVANUS.

Point DeBute, March 29th.

To the Members of Point DeBute Church and Congregation.

Beloved Brethren and Friends,—It affords me much pleasure to accept of this token of your kindness on the present occasion, and I take this opportunity of returning my sincere thanks for the many past, as well as the present mark of respect shown to myself and Mrs. Parker, and do assure you that I do most cordially and heartily unite with you in desires and prayers, that myself and family may be a blessing to your community.

Prayer was then offered, and the friends returned to their homes, leaving behind them

£12 in cash, and various useful articles for family purposes.

And really I must acknowledge that the happiness of pastor and people, and all in attendance, seemed so greatly increased, together with a peculiarly interesting providential circumstance connected with, the affair that I am almost losing my prejudice to become an advocate for domestic tea parties.

I have no doubt, had the going been favorable, that there would have been a great gathering.

Yours, &c.,

T. H. RANDALL.

[The Messenger will please copy.]

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Sallisbury, April 10th, 1853.

DEAR BRETHREN,—In my hasty flight through the Province I can scarcely find an opportunity to write you. Since I left St. John, I have visited all the intermediate places between Fredericton and Sallisbury where any thing was to be done for the Endowment. At Fredericton I was gratified to find the Baptist Seminary in a prosperous state, the number of students in attendance being larger than usual. Its worthy Principal, Rev. Mr. Spurden is quite encouraged.

I am happy to be able to inform you that I have met with excellent success in my Endowment Agency thus far. In the places that I have visited, the people have almost universally arranged their subscriptions. In fact, I may say, that I have met with but one individual as yet that absolutely refused to redeem his pledge. Some of the parties I could not see; these I referred to some trusty person in their locality with whom they might arrange their subscriptions.

This week I expect to visit Canaan, Butter-nut Ridge, Sallisbury and Moncton; and next week the County of Albert.

I noticed the Communication of your Correspondent "B," in the *Visitor* of the 1st April. I was fearful some of his remarks might produce a wrong impression on the minds of those who are not acquainted with the "partial course" system pursued in Acadia College. While young men whose circumstances will admit of their doing so, are recommended to pursue a "thorough course," others differently situated are allowed to enter as partial course students and pursue their studies for any length of time they please.

I hope your Correspondent may have the pleasure of seeing Acadia College ere long just "what it should be." To this end much united prayer, benevolence, and well directed effort are called for, from all our brethren throughout these Provinces.

Yours faithfully, in haste,

I. WALLACE.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Sackville, March 31.

DEAR EDITORS,—Since I have been travelling as agent for the Christian Visitor, which is about two months, I have visited some twelve or fifteen Townships and Counties.

I have been received and treated with every kindness and attention by the local Agents, ministering brethren and friends generally.

I find a deep interest manifested in the welfare of your valuable paper and yet I have been repeatedly astonished at the indifference felt by individuals in regard to this, or in fact any source or means of information or improvement. But when we take another view of the subject it may be easily accounted for, and this consideration should stimulate all who are engaged in the matter to greater energy, zeal and prayer, until this periodical which we believe is indeed a visitor of truth and moral intelligence, shall be read by every inhabitant of our Province.

I feel most deeply that this is a duty—a work—a great and important one. The longer I am engaged in it, in ever so small a degree, the greater the interest I feel. The more I travel over the country the more fully convinced I am of the benefit and necessity of the diffusion of moral and religious intelligence.

From having been entirely unacquainted with the location of the Province and from peculiarities of constitution, I have labored under great disadvantages and discouragement, yet I have been satisfied and cheered from time to time from the fact that I was in the way of my duty, and think I can say that I have been remarkably blessed, comforted and encouraged in my religious feelings, &c.

I have had very bad travelling the greater

At a public meeting, duly called, at the Meeting House of the First Baptist Church, in Sackville, the Rev. Levi H. Marshall having been called to the chair, and Mr Theodore H. Randall appointed Secretary—

The following Report, prepared by a committee previously appointed, was submitted and adopted: slightly amended by the subjoined Resolutions, which were unanimously passed:

Your committee beg to recommend that the Churches at Sackville circulate Subscription Lists, for the erection of a Baptist place of worship at Shediac, and correspond with other Churches on the subject; inviting them to adopt similar measures, and send delegates to attend a meeting to be held at Shediac for further action, or communicate by other means; said meeting to take place on TUESDAY, the 3d of May next, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Your committee also recommend the following as the terms of subscription, to stand at the head of the list: