

wish it to be supposed, however, that I approve of diminished energy and fervor in home mission work, and especially in the most necessary and difficult part of it in this province of Quebec. The trend of recent events calls us to redouble our efforts here, and in doing so we are entitled to look for hearty support from all parts of the land. What men need to make them free, progressive and united citizens of this great Dominion is not an increase of political manipulators in church or state, but the teaching of God's truth and spirit. And the record of our college in scattering the truth from this centre among all classes of our population is eminently satisfactory, and hence the strong hold which I am persuaded we have upon the sympathies of our church east and west. Members of the faculty and others have referred in suitable terms to what we are doing in advancing theological learning, and to the high standing taken by our students both in the university and in our own classes. Permit me to add that I value equally their zeal in carrying the gospel into the homes of the ignorant and superstitious, because I cannot forget that the church may abound in secular and even biblical learning and still be destitute of the Christian love, faith and courage necessary for this purpose. We exist here for practical as well as academic ends. We are far from having realized our ideal or having attained perfection, and, therefore, we invoke the help of all our friends and benefactors, and especially of those who as a class are so loyal and true, and who have enjoyed the training imparted in these halls. Our very surroundings point to the fact that we have a high and glorious mission to fulfil. God has placed us here for a special purpose, and by His almighty help and the prayers and co-operation of His people let us not grow weary or faint-hearted until it is accomplished.