

absolute subjection to the example and lordship of Christ. If then he is to be our example, what is he? And if we are to call him Lord, whither do his commands lead? Let us know that he is more than a great Power: he is a great Man. He is more than a faraway Splendour distantly lighting up our present gloom: he is a Servant waiting to minister to the needs of our ignorant, weak, wayward humanity, "for the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." This legend, therefore, when changed into a creed, not only exalts to the place of lordship the Anointed of God, but declares that it is the Servant, the great, humble Minister of the human race, whom men ought most faithfully to imitate and obey.

McMaster University is not a Pharisee; wears no broad phylactery; is not inclined to mock God and mislead men by a pretentious use of texts from which her heart is far away. Our legend is our creed. We confess it reverently, and in the name of our Lord accept the responsibility which is involved in that confession. A service, a ministry, great in extent, exacting in nature, wearying in the ceaselessness of its recurring duties, is demanded of us, and we acknowledge fully the righteousness of that demand. This university does not come to this generation asking to be ministered unto, but offering to minister, and to give the fulness of her life for the help of many. Her professors are men who believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost; confess themselves to be sinners saved by grace; and realize, in some large measure, the sacredness of that ministry of teaching to which they have devoted their lives. Her students, with hardly an exception, are godly young men and women, who are eager to spend their lives in some noble service, and whether as ministers, teachers, physicians or leaders of affairs, to be still in some true and holy sense ambassadors for Christ. In prayer the academic year begins and ends; each day of the year, almost each hour, is hallowed by prayer. If therefore there is any failure to realize the high ideals of service to which our legend summons us, this must be attributed to human infirmity and imperfection, and not to indifference or arrogance.

In undertaking to discharge the obligations of our sacred mission, it becomes our duty both to teach and to train the