

Minge's edition of the Greek and Latin fathers ; it is still wanting. Will some one signalize our entrance into this building by placing this unique treasure within our reach ? In our plans, as originally prepared by Mr. Hutchinson, there appears a library hall large enough to accommodate friends who may wish to meet with us, as is done to-night ; also further conveniences for students, and rooms for a resident Dean. Our present rooms are all occupied, and the accommodation will be insufficient to meet the increase we expect. Will some one set an example of liberality worthy of our merchant princes, of our Church and cause, by completing our original plans.

WORK TO BE DONE WITHIN THESE WALLS.

In closing, the speaker said : Here, we are to teach the highest of all sciences—that of God and man. We are to train men to preach the Gospel, to expound and defend the Word of the living God ; to seek to save souls, and to edify the saints. Here are to grow up under our fostering care home and foreign missionaries, and pastors for our Churches. Here we are to offer, in these days of doubt and vacillation, uncompromising resistance to all forms of error. While cherishing and teaching the broadest charity, you may expect us to be thoroughly intolerant of all that would rob us of God's truth, and jeopardize the souls of men. We do not think it an impertinence or contrary to common sense, revelation, or Christian etiquette to define and announce our creed, and to ask others to do the same. The fact is that every man has a creed of some sort ; and if it is good, and if he is honest and clear-headed enough to give it expression, we can see no reason why he should put his light under a bushel. We shall not wilfully stand in the way of the onward march of intellect, and shall seek to help, and not to hinder, theological and scientific investigations of all sorts ; but as none of the articles of our faith have yet been annihilated by the persistent efforts of modern scepticism, you may expect to find us firmly and resolutely standing by the old creed as worthy of all acceptance, and full of vitality and power, because containing the truth of God. We will not, however, discourage free thought in the proper sense of the term, in the sense in which it was defined by that distinguished statesman the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone in December last. He said, "Saint Paul, I suppose was a teacher of free thought, when he bade his converts to 'prove all things ;' but it seems he went terribly astray when he proceeded to bid them 'Hold fast that which is good' ; for he evidently assumed there was something by which they could hold fast. And so he bade Timothy to keep that which was committed to his charge ; and another apostle has instructed us to 'earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.' But the free thought of which we now hear so much, seems too often to mean thought wrong and vagrant, more than free ; like Delos in the ancient legend, drifting on the seas of Greece, without a root, a direction, or a home."

Ladies and gentlemen, I feel deeply the responsibilities resting upon professors and students in these days of unrest and unbelief, and in view of this let me present the Apostle's request, "Brethren, pray for us." Much depends, under God, upon you and upon us. I rely with confidence upon your continued kindness and generosity to sustain and extend this great and fundamental work of the Church. Much has already been accomplished, and the future seems bright with hope and promise. Six, or even three years ago we could not venture to predict what we to-night realize. But "The Lord hath been mindful of us ;" and let us devoutly say, "Not unto us, not unto us, but to His name be all the glory."

Rev. Dr. Taylor, who in a few words expressed his delight at the rapid progress made in the erection of this building and the favorable circumstances in which they are met. He was followed by Hon. Justice Torrance, who, on behalf of the Building Committee, returned sincere thanks to those who had contributed so liberally to the building fund.

Rev. Dr. Jenkins, in a few well-chosen remarks, conveyed his congratulations to the Professors and friends of the college on the most enviable circumstances in which they were met.