

the summer sun rises on native wildness, but sets on smiling villages in peaceful plains.

This tremendous and unprecedented influx of people scattered far and wide, constitutes the great problem not only of the Christian Church, but of every loyal and patriotic Canadian. How best to meet the needs of growing towns and outlying communities, how to provide them with men thoroughly equipped to manifest the saving power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, is the question above all others now crying out for a solution. How shall we secure the men? With what equipment shall we send them forth? It requires no prophetic pedigree to anticipate that this must be one of the burning questions at the present General Assembly.

There is at present an agitation to make Greek and Hebrew elective subjects in Presbyterian Theological Colleges. That is that no student need hereafter study these subjects, unless inspired by an overwhelming conviction of their true value, and impelled by an irresistible spirit in quest of first principles. Should such an agitation ever have the ill fate of securing a seat in the Blue Book, it will mean that all incentive to study these subjects is removed. It is the overthrow of Foreordination and the universal reign of Freewill. Each student at the very start shall determine for himself whether or not the game be worth the powder, though he has never caressed the one nor smelled the other. It is as though an apprentice carpenter assured his master mechanic that he preferred to use his jack-knife instead of planes and chisels, for in so doing he would meet the average man on his own ground. However musical this word "elective" may sound, or however desirable it may appear, it is, when pushed to its logical conclusion fraught with untold disaster, and should its adoption be ratified by the General Assembly of our church, such a proselyte is destined to prove a veritable Judas.

It has become a well established fact that there is to-day an increasing demand for greater efficiency in every trade and profession. This demand is but a reflection of the sharpening of the intellect, and growth of education among the masses, which is resulting in a cry for more knowledge. But how to secure an efficient ministry divorced from technical scholarship is a conundrum well worthy of the wisdom of Solomon. It is not only conceivable, but