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It is to be hoped that a prompt response

on the part of all our subscribers, both new and old, will prevent us from again infringing on the privileged precinct of our editorial columns.

LET CANADIANS DO LIKE WISE.

Mr. J. J. Hill's generous offer to Archbishop Ireland is the topic of the hour in Catholic circles. Five hundred thousand dollars to establish a Theological school, and a further quarter of a million for the endowment of chairs therein, is one of the first fruits of the vigorous, enthusiastic, and eminently Catholic policy of the Prelate of St. Paul. There are some features of this donation worthy of special remark. Mr Hill is himself a Protestant. He gave, therefore, to the individual rather than to the cause. St. Paul, not Washington, benefits by his generosity. To the outsider, who considers only the practical unanimity of the bishops of the United States and their recent efforts for the general advancement of Catholic interests, it would seem that the one educational institution that could suggest such an unexampled endowment is the new University of Washington. That its attractions have failed in this case is an evidence of the powerful personality of Archbishop Ireland, and a proof that the energy of the individual, and his unceasing persistency in advocating, by word and example, what is high and noble, are a surer passport to favorable recognition, both public and private, than the most elaborate ideal that lacks the crystalizing and realizing power of a man of the people.

Mr. Hill's act, viewed on its best side, points a moral for the Catholics of Canada. With its almost three millions of Catholics, this country has yet to boast of a great gift to any of its educational, charitable, or ecclesiastical institutions. And this, despite the too evident fact that the work of Catholicity is deplorably im-