

siderably under twenty. ("Hear," and laughter.) As to his five hundred sermons, the latter ones were rough, no doubt, but they were exceedingly superfine as compared with the earlier discourses of the series. (Hear.) The fact was that he had used a homely oyster-knife where a razor would have been of but little use. (Hear, hear.) Nothing could be of more real service to a young preacher than the style of criticism to which he had been subjected—men not only expressed their opinions very frankly—(laughter)—but sometimes in a bitter nasty way—(Hear, hear)—and many a joke had been cracked at his expense. (Laughter.) Young preachers never liked such critics, but after all they were their best friends."

Mr. Spurgeon further stated that no less than eight million copies of his sermons were in the hands of the public. Since he had been pastor of that church he had baptized 3,000 persons. His College had now fifty-four students; and if they had 400, they could place them out in suitable spheres of labour. The subsequent speakers were Mr. James Spicer, Mr. James Grant, the Rev. Dr. Campbell, Mr. P. Bayne, the Rev. F. Trestrail, General Sir John Burgoyne, Mr. Apsley Pellatt, and the Rev. J. C. Middleditch. At the supper General Sir John Burgoyne presided, and the usual loyal toasts were duly honored. "Messrs Alabaster and Passmore," and "The Rev. Mr. Spurgeon," were also toasts which commanded much enthusiasm, and the proceedings terminated in the usual way. The subscriptions in aid of the College reached the handsome sum of 500*l*.

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### PETITION.

The following is a copy of the Petition signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the annual meeting of Subscribers to the Congregational College of British North America, and forwarded to Hon. George Brown, for presentation to the House of Assembly. Copies of the same, merely varied in the address, were entrusted to Hon. William McMaster, to present to the Legislative Council, and sent to the Provincial Secretary, to present to the Governor-in-Council.

*To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly, in Parliament assembled:*

The Petition of the undersigned, the Chairman and Secretary of the Annual Meeting of Subscribers to the Congregational College of British North America, held in Hamilton, June 16, 1862,

HUMBLY SHEWETH:

That your petitioners were duly instructed by the Meeting of which they were the officers, again to represent to your Honourable House the views of that body, consisting of Pastors and Members of Congregational Churches throughout the Province, in regard to the agitation, still continued, for the division of some portion at least of the endowment of the University of Toronto and University College, among the several denominational Colleges.

That the parties represented by your petitioners most heartily adhere to the fundamental principle on which our entire system of Public Education is based, that is to say, the National principle, recognising all Her Majesty's subjects alike, as distinguished from the Sectarian, which deals with them as members of the several Churches.

That they therefore earnestly desire to see this principle applied, without exceptions, to all classes of educational institutions established by law, and supported by public funds.

That they are led, by all experience, to expect from any departures from this