

University embrace Trinity, Queen's, Victoria and Regiopolis Colleges; University College (to be henceforth designated King's College) to have a specific endowment of \$28,000, and each of the other colleges \$10,000 per annum. These four colleges, it is recommended, should each receive \$10,000, to enable them to enlarge their buildings. One of the most obnoxious recommendations is that the Bursar's office shall be under the charge of the Senate, which is to consist—(1st) Of the heads of all affiliated colleges; (2nd) Of a member of each affiliated college, chosen by the college itself; (3rd) The remaining third to be appointed by Government. Thus, two-thirds of the Senate would be parties interested in the sectarian colleges, and, as might be naturally supposed, enemies of the national institution. It is easy to see that these parties, opposed to the present unsectarian system of education, would have everything their own way. There are several other most objectionable features in the scheme recommended by the Commissioners. We do not think there is the likelihood of any party in the Legislature recommending the adoption of such a scheme. But it is well to be prepared, and we trust that every congregation will be ready with its petition on this most important national question.

We should have said, in regard to alleged extravagant expenditure, that the Commissioners have not been able to find any fault, except with reference to the to the buildings. For these, however, the government of the day were more responsible than any other parties.

THE LORD'S TREASURY, AND HOW TO FILL IT.

THE OBLIGATIONS OF CHRISTIANS TO SUPPORT GOSPEL ORDINANCES.

It will be universally admitted that the real power of a church for good depends on the presence and agency of the Spirit, who alone can make the word effectual for the conversion of sinners and for the upbuilding of believers. Closely connected with this, however, is the liberal, cheerful support of the means of grace. Far separated from each other as the two things may be in many respects, they both demand our earnest and prayerful attention. We cannot be too diligent and earnest in seeking the reviving power of the Spirit of God, that through his mighty but sweet influences the wilderness may be made glad, and the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose. On the other hand, the proper support of the means of grace and of christian institutions should engage the attention of all who love the truth. The following is the main part of a paper on this subject contained in a late number of the *Free Church Record*. It is from the pen of the Rev. John Ross, one of the agents of the Association for the Promotion of Systematic Benevolence.

"This obligation (to support gospel ordinances) springs from the Christian's relations to God and to man, being at once the proof and expression of his devout allegiance to God, and of his cordial identity and sympathy with man.

1. *This obligation is due to God* as the first and paramount claim; before man's own needs and enjoyments, and in his own personal responsibility, unbiased by the example of others, or by the prevalent standards of local custom or general habit.