

"APPEAL."

"Whilst Toronto and several places in Eastern Ontario afford to their youth great facilities for obtaining the highest instruction in arts and sciences, and in the different professions, yet this most prosperous portion of the Province has, until within the last few years, been entirely destitute of such advantages. The time has now come when we ought to provide for our youth facilities for the best university education in their very midst.

"It is a fact, that whenever the opportunity has occurred to gratify the aspirations of our Canadian people to secure and advance educational institutions, they have never failed to manifest their deep interest in them, as illustrated by the generous and munificent gifts and bequests lately made by citizens of Toronto, Cobourg, Kingston, Montreal, and of the Maritime Provinces, towards the erection and endowment of Colleges. We believe our friends in this favored portion of the country will emulate these generous donors, and thus enable us to place the Western University, and that speedily, on a footing with the best educational institutions in our vast Dominion.

"We therefore earnestly make this public appeal in its behalf to all the friends of intellectual advancement who, independent of locality, denominational differences and other external conditions, desire the education of our youth in those principles which constitute the only sound foundation of Christian character, and the surest guarantee for the future welfare of the country at large."

Were the tenth part of the means and energy at the disposal of our people, in this section of the country, devoted to such enterprises, the foundation would be laid of a spiritual growth and temporal prosperity, such as has been rarely experienced, and this Diocese would be the centre of a work which would excite the admiration of the whole country.

And now, beloved brethren, whatever subjects for the general well-being and good government of the Church may be brought before you for deliberation, remember that the influence of your legislation, stops not with the present hour, but passes on, for good or for evil, to a far-off future. As men entrusted with the religious interests of this Diocese, and as Christians consecrated to the work of building up the Church "upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner-stone;" as men who will have to render an account to God for every act, every speech and every vote, let me entreat you to give each question brought before you, that prayerful, calm reflection, and that straightforward, honest regard which will best enable you to take the just and right views of truth, and act upon the best principles of duty to your beloved Church, as in the sight of God. Let us confer together with brotherly love, with that entire absence of prejudice, and with that single eye to God's glory, which will put us in the best position to know and to do His will. And, above all, let us fervently pray that the Holy Ghost, who alone maketh men to be of one mind in an house, may be especially with us, as a Spirit of Truth, Order and Holiness, and that by His blessed influence upon all our deliberations, we may continue to be knit together in the unity of spirit and in the bonds of peace, as those should be who are members of the same household of faith. Let us fervently