

was not simply an evangelist, but a very apostle in his zealous, toilsome and self-denying missionary exertions.

While Queen's College has supplied about one-half of the number on our Synod roll, she has also furnished several who are "quitting themselves like men" in other branches of the Church. Without turning to the Calendar, our memory suggests the names of Caie, Wilkins and Professor Jardin, in New Brunswick; Macmillan and Thompson in Nova Scotia; Goodwill, recently appointed by our small Synod in that Province, as missionary to the South Sea Islands; Robertson in Australia; and last, though not least, Charles Cameron in India, whose refined intellect and glowing spirit eminently fit him for the task of grappling with the Hindoo mind. This Institution has not only equipped recruits for the ranks of our ministry, but has done as good service in imparting a superior education to many youths now among the laity of our communion. As professional men, as persons engaged in business, or holding leading positions in rural society, they, with a few exceptions, prove themselves centres of usefulness, radiate around them healthy influence, beneficially leaven the communities in which they dwell, and nobly sustain their part in the general work of the Church.

These services have been rendered by Queen's College in the face of many discouragements and in the midst of successive difficulties. The crisis caused by the unfortunate secession in 1844 well nigh smothered her in her infancy. The trustees have generally had their wits taxed to the utmost to meet the financial requirements of the Institution. For several years intestine broils sadly interfered with her usefulness. And more recently when perfect harmony had been restored to the Senate and when she was fairly giving up her energies for a renewed lease of efficiency, she has had to work at a serious disadvantage under the forecasting shadow of the cloud raised by the threatened and now accomplished withdrawal of Parliamentary aid, the gloomy fears arising from which have tended to lessen the attendance of Students. Notwithstanding all these drawbacks and adverse influences, she can show a noble record, point to a great and good work accomplished, and claim that she has returned full equivalent for the capital placed at her disposal.

When a University has existed so long as this and has achieved so honourable a history, nothing but the direst necessity should

compel its discontinuance. The authorities thereof owe it to the long list of graduates who have earned her degrees to make extraordinary efforts to maintain her existence and increase the efficiency of the Alma Mater of these. Grave as was the responsibility assumed by our fathers in founding it as a seat of Science, Literature and Art, as well as a School of Theology, vastly greater would be our responsibility, if we determined now to abolish the former department, after so many interests and claims have been created by its history as degree-granting Institution.

We hold it to be of inestimable importance to the Church to have the Arts' Faculty as a *feeder* to our Theological Hall, thereby securing the continuous oversight of the training of candidates for our ministry from the very beginning of their collegiate career, thus keeping them under healthy influences in the formation of their character throughout the whole curriculum. The statement has been made to us on the very best authority that some young men of our communion, who have entered other Colleges to obtain their Arts' course, intending at the time to pursue their Theological studies at Kingston, have never carried out this intention; having been induced amid associations purely secular to turn aside to the money-making pursuits of commercial life, or having been seduced from their allegiance to our Church to connect themselves with the Theological Halls of other denominations.

The maintenance of the College in its integrity we regard as essential to the *prestige* of our Church. Not strong numerically, we hold a high place in Provincial estimation mainly through the credit reflected on us by this seat of superior education. We have thus asserted our right and our duty as a denomination not only to occupy the pulpit but the professor's chair; not merely to preach the gospel but also to have a part in controlling the educational agencies of the country, in moulding the mind and character of those who are to be the future leaders of society. Queen's College has been and must continue to be our standing protest against dissociating the health-giving influence of denominational life from our higher educational institutions. It has given us a commanding sphere of influence, has placed in our hands a mighty instrument in moulding the destinies of this country, and has gained for us a high place in public esteem. Hence to curtail its operations would be to cast from us one of