

(Australia) the Presbyterians have lately contributed £15,000 towards the endowment of a Theological Hall, and that before they have a college building, or a complete staff of professors, and only six theological students attending the classes last year. They have 110 ministers and 164 pastoral charges, while the C. P. Church has over 280 ministers and 543 regular charges. If such a young, small Church can thus liberally endow a Theological Hall, surely our much larger and older Church can do the same.

The district allotted to our New Theological College at Montreal, with 95 regular charges, has already subscribed nearly \$30,000. Should not the 445 regular charges West of Brockville Presbytery more easily raise \$100,000 for the endowment of an institution that has already done much to provide an educated ministry for our Church? If 7,245 communicants, and 3,648 families reported by the three Presbyteries, can raise \$43,000, how much easier for 34,846 members and 21,186 families, residing in the best part of Canada, to raise \$100,000?

Queen's College Board have resolved to raise an additional endowment of \$100,000 for that institution, in order to retain it as a University as well as a Theological Hall, and they have already obtained over \$30,000 subscriptions. They ask our people to contribute, and even affirm that several of our ministers have promised them assistance towards this object, as "a PRESBYTERIAN NECESSITY."

We cannot see it in that light. We believe that the time is not far distant when the two Synods will be united. That, we hold, to be a Christian duty and "a PRESBYTERIAN NECESSITY." Meanwhile, until they are united, it is the primary duty of both ministers and people to support the institutions of their own Synod. It is taxing rather too much the generosity of our people, after having contributed a large share of the present endowment of Queen's College, in so far as Ontario is concerned, to ask them again to contribute liberally to the endowment of a Literary Institution for the benefit of the general public, as well as the special benefit of the Synod of Canada, while we are satisfied with Theological Colleges—and our own principal institution, for the training of our future ministers, is left unendowed, to struggle with debt and difficulty from year to year. It is an adage no less trite than true, that charity begins at home. Let our people first endow Knox College, which is certainly "a PRESBYTERIAN NECESSITY," and then, when they have done their duty to their own Church and the advancement of the cause of Christ in connection therewith, let them give, if they can spare it, for the ENDOWMENT OF UNIVERSITIES.

If the Presbyterians of Kingston have subscribed \$22,000 towards an ENLARGED endowment of Queen's College, how much more should the Presbyterians of Toronto—with more than three times the population—contribute at least \$30,000 to the endowment of Knox College?

The Wesleyans have lately resolved to raise \$100,000 for the endowment of Victoria College, and they will do it. Even much smaller denominations, such as the Baptists and Episcopal Methodists, have established colleges for their own purposes, and have erected stately buildings for their accommodation. And shall the C. P. Church, one of the largest and wealthiest in the country, allow itself to fall behind in this important matter, so essential to the growth and efficiency of our Church?

Do we believe that the King of Zion has called us to work for Him in the diffusion of pure, enlightened, scriptural Christianity in British America? Yea, that the prevalence of our principles is closely bound up with the highest welfare of our country, social, political and religious? Then