

is obvious, therefore, that those, desirous that Christ's cause should prosper through the ministrations of our Church in this land, are under the most solemn obligations to come forward speedily and liberally in aid of this excellent Institution. And, in the exercise of their benevolence, their aim should be, not merely to extricate it from its present difficulties, but also to provide means by which it may be rendered increasingly efficient.

There is certainly some unaccountable misapprehension on the part of members and adherents of our Church relative to this matter. They cannot be fully aware of their responsibilities in this respect. It cannot otherwise be that many of those who are wont to give substantial proofs of benevolence to other Christian societies, for which they neither expect nor get the least credit, could permit an Institution of their own, to which they are connected by the most sacred ties, and which has already been the means of furnishing many destitute Canadian settlements with Divine ordinances, to remain, for a single day, in circumstances so evidently calculated to cripple its energies in preparing Pastors to conduct religious services according to the usage of the Church of our Fathers. It cannot otherwise be that men of worth and men of means would, in a way so remarkable, neglect the claims of an Institution so intimately connected with the temporal happiness and eternal welfare of themselves, their descendants, and so many others of their countrymen and of their communion.

The Parent Church has done much for us, and is still evincing her desire to do what she can in our behalf; but she cannot possibly give assistance commensurate with our wants. But, if this actually could be done, instead of manifesting a Christian spirit, it would be exceedingly ignoble in us to continue to tax the generosity of others for what God, in His gracious providence, has given us the means of accomplishing ourselves. Much has recently been eloquently said and written respecting the temporal prosperity of Canada; and I believe, everything that has been advanced is in accordance to truth. If such be the case, instead of looking to others for supplying our religious wants, we are required by the highest considerations to exert ourselves not only in supporting our own institutions in a proper manner, but also in aiding those that generously and liberally assisted us, when our wants were felt to be exceedingly great. If we are not animated with this spirit, our gratitude to God and our spiritual improvement are extremely questionable.

Your ministers are enjoined by the Synod to take an early opportunity of bringing the debts of the College before their respective congregations, and, in doing so, to use such arguments as may seem best suited to stimulate their people to provide the means of placing this Institution on a proper footing. I am satisfied that those to whom your spiritual interests are committed will cheerfully and effectively discharge this duty. Feeling the importance of Queen's College as a Training-school for the Ministry, they cannot fail to present its claims to you in their true light. And, when this has been done, as I am confident it will be done, with all fidelity, and in a prayerful spirit, there is surely every reason to expect, considering the respectability, the wealth, and worth connected with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, that the amount requisite for liquidating the debt on the ground and buildings of Queen's College will, without delay, be obtained. It