

is a proof that the conflict is not yet lost, or rather is a good augury that it shall be ultimately won. It was pointed out at the meeting held at Oxford on that occasion, that the laying the foundation stone of that College in the midst of the strife, may be compared to the sale at Rome at an unabated price of the land, which was at the very time occupied by the camp of the Carthaginian conqueror. And Jeremiah, when he knew certainly that Jerusalem should be taken by the Chaldeans, was taught of God, to purchase an inheritance, and lay aside the title deeds for many days. And in like manner, it may be believed in faith as regards beleaguered Oxford, that—

"The flood is round thee, but thy towers as yet

"Are safe."

We, too, though far removed from the immediate scene of strife have deep interest in the contest; we, if we are Christians, must sympathise with the words there spoken, and trust that the College there founded may be a fortress and tower of strength, in which the surges that swell against it, shall seek in vain for a crevice, and not only stand itself amid the war of the tempest and dash of the waves, but hold an invisible reign over the whole of Oxford.

But, independently of the signs of the times, no more fitting memorial could have been devised to the saintly poet of the English Church than such a College as the Keble College is intended to be. Not only will it carry on the work which was nearest to Keble's own heart, the work in England of God and of the Church, but the conception of the College, due in the first instance to Charles Marriott, was matured at Hanley Vicarage: its object is to extend the College system of the University, and by establishing one upon a more comprehensive basis, with more facilities for mutual intercourse between tutors and undergraduates, with stronger inducements for real work, and fewer seducements for idle and expensive tastes, to react upon the whole University, and aid in carrying out the reforms, which, while necessary from time to time, are not least so now, when every fault in the University system is magnified ten fold by those whose interest it is to render popular wide schemes of radical change, and virtual confiscation. At that great meeting representatives from all parts of the world assembled to do honour to the author of the Christian year; the Primate of England, the Primary of Scotland, the Metropolitan of Canada, the Bishop of Tennessee, and Bishop Selwyn, who is both Metropolitan of New Zealand, and Bishop of Lichfield, gathered together to express their reverence for the poet of the English Church, whose works are read and sung throughout the whole Anglican Communion.

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