

Our Educational Institutions—the importance of which cannot be over-estimated—are, through the Divine blessing, in a state of prosperity. The embarrassing debt, which for so long a time impeded the operations of Victoria College, has been extinguished by the generous liberality of numerous friends, and the report of that Institution, brought before the Conference, is most encouraging. We again commend the College to your consideration, and doubt not but that many of your sons, and sons' sons, will receive the benefits of a sound religious education, fitting them for spheres of usefulness and honour in our beloved country.

We commend to your notice the Female College at Hamilton as an Institution eminently worthy of support, in which your daughters will receive a thorough education, and by careful culture become the ornaments and strength of society. We rejoice to assure you of its prosperity, and the growing interest which is manifested towards it throughout the country, and which, we trust, will continue to increase.

The Conference has been one of great interest, and characterized by cordial harmony during the discussion of important and exciting subjects. Our religious services have been attended by the divine blessing. The rich unction of the Holy Ghost has rested on our assemblies, and we shall go to our various fields of labour earnestly desiring God's assistance and your co-operation.

In this pastoral address it is not necessary to dwell at length on those subjects which necessarily form the themes of our pulpit ministrations; yet we cannot withhold the expression of our conviction that the times in which we live, marked by the prevalence of dangerous and encroaching theological error, together with the shameful efforts made in many places to introduce into public worship the forms of Popish idolatry, require the strictest fidelity on our part, and we pledge