

ready there is on foot a scheme which embraces in its comprehensiveness a Chapel, two new Professorships, as well as additions to the capacity of our College building itself. To accomplish this the sum of \$100,000 is thought necessary. As a prefatory step the following circular is being sent to the leading church people in Canada, which the Provost intends personally to follow up :

The Corporation of Trinity College desire to call attention of all interested in its welfare to the following facts, and to appeal for their generous and hearty support :—

The College was founded in the year 1852 for the purpose of providing a higher University training, based on distinctly religious principles, in connection with the Church of England. Its fundamental purpose is well described in the following words of its noble founder, the first Bishop of Toronto :—

"When we speak of education based on religion, we mean by religion the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that instruction in this, the most important of all knowledge, shall not be confined to public worship, but shall enter largely into the studies and training of every department of the College. . . . In Trinity College I trust that the Bible will ever occupy its true place, as containing the whole revelation of God, the source of all our hopes, and the safe foundation of all our teaching."

Whilst disowning any hostile rivalry with other Universities in the Dominion, the Corporation believe that the need of a University combining a liberal education with these fundamental principles is still as great as ever. The presence of flourishing denominational Colleges in connection with other religious bodies amongst us, proves that the need is not felt by Churchmen alone. Since its foundation Trinity College has steadily carried on its work without any further appeal to the Canadian public for support ; that it has not been inactive may be gathered from the fact that during this period 388 students have entered the College, 152 clergy have received their preparation for the work of the ministry, whilst the munificence of two of its friends enabled it four years ago to build its noble Convocation Hall.

The present staff consists of Professors in Divinity, Mathematics, and Classics, together with Lecturers in Classics, Physical Science, and Modern Languages, as well as in Pastoral Theology, Apologetics, &c. When it is remembered that in addition to the religious instruction of the Art Students, the College has also to provide for the entire teaching of the Divinity Class, it will be seen at once that there is urgent necessity for reinforcing the Theological Teaching Staff ; the need has long been felt, and the Corporation is of opinion that its supply cannot longer be deferred. The establishment of a Professorship of Physical Science is also imperatively necessary to put this important branch of study upon a proper footing. With these additions it is believed that the staff of the College would enable it fully to keep pace with the increasing demands of higher education in the Dominion.

The Corporation are further of opinion that the time has come when a College like Trinity can no longer be left without a suitable Chapel. That we have had no such building has not only been a reproach to us, but also a great practical hindrance to the efficient working of the College.

Further improvements and additions to the existing buildings are also urgently required. The expense of

all these works, viz., the endowment of the two Professorships, the erection of a suitable Chapel and necessary improvements to the existing buildings is estimated at \$100,000.

The Corporation confidently appeal to the generous aid of all friends of the College towards obtaining this amount. Subscriptions may be spread over five years at the discretion of the subscriber.

The Corporation among themselves have undertaken to raise \$10,000 whilst the most liberal support has been given by the people of Toronto as far as the appeal has yet gone, so that at least the sum of \$20,000 or \$25,000 may be considered at present subscribed. This is for the *general* fund, including the four subdivisions. For the Chapel itself the sum of \$1,200 or thereabouts is at present in the possession of the authorities from the weekly offertories of the students. So that before proceedings have taken any definite shape there is a splendid foundation, and the outlook is most encouraging. The Provost, we believe, is going to Hamilton immediately, and there in conjunction with Canon Carmichael, who has taken up the matter warmly, intends to make a thorough canvass of the city. It is also his intention to enlist into active co-operation such men as the Bishop of Toronto and Dr. Wilson, as well as in each diocese the most able and stirring spirits. In such hands the scheme cannot but be a success. As for the merit of the undertaking we can say but little, for where there is nothing to dispraise words are unnecessary, and active co-operation is the best indication of appreciation. Regarding the proposed Chapel we have heard it said "why build a new Chapel before we have really need for one—could not the money be more profitably employed otherwise?" But this argument can have little weight, for if men were to make bare necessity their standard of action where would be all those grand old edifices which are the pride of the countries in which they stand and an honor to the intellects which devised them. The present Chapel is a mere apology for one and was never intended to be used as such by our founders. In the original plans of the College there is a Chapel situated at the south-east corner of the present building. Although we may not *need* a new Chapel in the sense of needing our meals every day to support existence, yet the room used for Divine Worship every night and morning is a crying shame to an institution of our pretensions—the proper use is that of a reading room.

The Bishop of Toronto in a sermon a few weeks ago in our Chapel urged the students to heartily co-operate with the work the Provost has undertaken, and spoke feelingly of the pride with which a Cambridge man views those grand old Chapels which have stood for centuries—each College pointing to its own particular Chapel with fond pride.

New Professional chairs and a more comprehensive curriculum are wants which must be supplied if we at all hope to keep pace with the times. Thorough as our course may be as far as it extends, yet men must have