Attempts are making continually to lower the standards of education; and it has not been the least important or difficult task of this Institution to hold her ground against them, while to the deficiency of adequate preparatory education which has hitherto so largely prevailed, there is added an impatience to submit to the toil and drudgery necessary to the attainment of what the judgment of ages has determined to be requisite for a full liberal education.

There remains more to be done; more to be patiently borne; more, it may even be, to be withstood. The College and University will, with Gon's help, do their parts; and they feel confident that in doing it, they will meet with that encouragement and support which is absolutely necessary to enable them to accomplish what may be reasonably called their lawful work.