As regards our own Diocese, we have just reason to congratulate ourselves on the efforts that have already been made on behalf of Higher Christian Education, and their success. The fact that a Divinity College, Boy's Collegiate School, and a College for advanced female education, have been now for many years in operation among us, is a cause for deep thankfulness, inasmuch as they have sent out nearly one hundred "able Ministers of the New Testament" to the active Ministry of the Church, and that between three and four thousand young people, of both sexes, have been carefully trained on Christian principles. Until within the last year the crowning point was still wanting, but I now, with pleasure, record the opening of the

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which commenced its actual work of instruction on the 5th of October, 1881, and has since been in active operation. In connection with this a

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has been established. Lecture Rooms and the necessary appliances are being made ready for the use of medical students, and a staff of fifteen Professors is prepared to commence a course of lectures in a few days. As your Bishop, I felt it a sacred duty to institute the educational machinery which I have been permitted to establish in this city, believing that to a chief pastor of a flock, the Church has a right to look, not simply for what may strictly come under the head of episcopal duties, such as ordination, confirmation, etc., but for counsel and assistance in every department of her operations, and in none, perhaps, more than in those which tend to the spiritual and intellectual culture of her members. I feel it incumbent upon me to draw your attention to the fact, that up to a very recent period the chief burden of responsibility has rested entirely upon me. Such efforts to advance Christian education should not be *personal* but *public*. Every member of the Church should be prepared to do his part in the furtherance of this and of every other work by which the welfare of the community may be secured, and the Church of Christ strengthened and extended.

In the common course of things, I cannot expect to bear the care for many years more. To the Church in this Diocese, in her corporate capacity, I affectionately and most earnestly commend this important matter, and I pray that in this and every other respect she may be made alive to the responsibility laid upon her. Most thankful do I feel that help is now being afforded us, as witnessed by the Appeal issued by the Senate of the University at its last meeting, on the 23rd of June, from which I make the following extracts :—