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THE special meeting of Synod, convened to consider the present critical position of Queen's College, has been held. On the result of its deliberations we congratulate the Church and the country. The attendance was not numerous, but may fairly be regarded as *representative*. The enthusiasm which prevailed we have never seen exceeded, seldom equalled in any meeting. Rarely has such unanimity characterized the proceedings of our Supreme Court. The members were fired with an earnestness almost electric in its thrilling power. "Queen's College shall not go down" was the key-note of the debate, the watchword with one and all; and steps were unanimously and cordially adopted to give practical effect to this determination. We believe that this meeting will not only inaugurate a new era in the prosperity of the College, but will also infuse fresh life and vigour into our whole ecclesiastical system. As we reflect on the tone of the proceedings and contemplate the issues of the decision arrived at, we "thank God and take courage" we cannot resist the impression that bright prospects are in store for our Church in this Dominion. The Synod has resolved that Queen's College must be maintained in its integrity, that its efficiency must be increased; and that to accomplish these praiseworthy objects an endowment of at least \$100,000, must be provided. Measures were adopted to effect this end at an early date. Let every member of our Church now clearly understand that we have committed ourselves to the accomplishment of this object, and that there can be no retreat with honour. We have burnt our boats behind us and must fight our way to the realization of this sum. Even the thought of failure must not be entertained. In order to assure ourselves that we have embarked in a good

cause, that our Synod has taken the right course, in fact, the only course consistent with our usefulness and honour, let us briefly review the benefits which the Institution in question has conferred upon our Church.

More than fifty of our ministers have been trained at Queen's College. Of these many fill prominent positions with honour to themselves, credit to their Alma Mater and advantage to the common cause; while the rest, though in humbler spheres, prove themselves earnest, conscientious, and self-denying labourers. Their life and ministrations evidence the high tone of their moral as well as intellectual education, show that *heart* as well as *head* cultivation hath been an object of solicitude to their professors. Strong convictions of duty, fervent earnestness, a readiness of adaptation to the wants of this new country in a marked degree characterize them *as a class*. Not merely their scholarship but their manner of spirit reflect favourably upon the training they have received. To select illustrations of this from the living would be invidious. But no such delicacy need restrain us from citing in proof of this those who are no longer with us. In their case, "*de mortuis nil nisi bonum*." is not a hollow courtesy, but a well merited tribute. Four or five of the alumni of this Institution, who entered the ministry are deceased. Eleven years have passed away since John Lindsay was borne to the grave amid the tears of a loving people, but his memory is still green throughout the valley of the Upper Ottawa. Livingstone, not more by his vigorous and chaste intellect than by the heavenly fire which kindled up his pulpit and glowed in his life, proved to his brethren how great usefulness may be achieved and how deep affection may be won in a ministerial career of less than one year's duration. Darach's labours are too fresh in the recollection of the people of this city, to need detailed comment. Campbell of Nottawasaga,