

A regular and increased supply of Ministers is absolutely necessary for the maintenance and extension of our Church. The only means, humanly speaking, by which there is any prospect of this being obtained is Queen's College, aided by the efforts of the Ministers, Kirk Sessions and Congregations themselves. It ought, therefore, to be one great object with every Congregation to look out for and encourage deserving young men who may be desirous of giving themselves to the work of the Ministry, and to assist them, if necessary, in prosecuting their studies at the University. No tuition fees, it may be observed, are exacted from those studying with a view to the Ministry. There are few congregations from which one, if not two, Students might not without difficulty be sent to College, and in this way the supply of the wants of the Church would be most effectually promoted.

We have already adverted to some of the reasons which induced the Trustees to purchase a College Building and Grounds. The present is a critical period in the progress of the College. It is of the utmost consequence, at the present moment, that the Educational Institution of the Synod of Canada, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, should be provided with these, in order that it may be able fully to sustain its position. Other Colleges, and the denominations with which they are connected, are exerting themselves with great energy and success, to extend the efficiency and influence of their Institutions, and, if Queen's College is even to maintain any advantage or standing which it may have gained, it will require your prompt and liberal aid by your contributions in its behalf, to enable it to carry on its operations in an edifice of its own, in some measure suited to its title as the University of Queen's College. We trust, therefore, that when the Deputation shall visit, as they propose in a short time to do, this portion of the Province, you will give your cordial support to the accomplishment of an end so desirable, and so important to our Church.

Signed in name of, and by authority of Synod, at Kingston, this 20th day of June, 1854.

JAMES WILLIAMSON,  
MODERATOR.