

any real force in this objection? We think not. Granting a speedy solution, the amount asked by the Board would be all needed, as Knox' share in the endowment of a fully equipped institution, which such objectors profess to contemplate in the reduction of the number of the colleges; and any solution which might be reached will not set aside the requirement of Knox' share in the larger institution. Let us then do our present duty, endow the college as it is, and look forward to the future in hopes of greater things.

Another objection says, "It is not right to lay up for the next generation and lift the burden from their shoulders; posterity has done nothing for us." It may be no more than a coincidence that some of these objectors are grand on investments; they can always tell when you can get good interest on a mortgage; but we have often noticed the connection, especially when you are told to provide for your own house or be worse than an infidel. But, seriously, what Christian would refuse even to aid his children in doing the Lord's work? With (400,000,000) four hundred millions of heathen to christianize do *we* wish to prepare the way for sending them the Gospel? Would we do our *own* work in this preparation? then let us put the college on a basis free from anxiety and thus help on the work of Christ.

But some go further and say "we are voluntaries." One seems to hear the echo of the name of Ritchie, or listen to the "going, going, gone," of the auctioneer, as he "rouped off the gear," of some staunch seceder who refused to pay the tithe. But really are they voluntaries? As we view the old controversy, the ghost of which is conjured up to help in refusing aid—permanent aid—to colleges, we think of stern old fathers who believed in no legal force to aid Christ's cause, but who did believe in willing giving—men who were voluntaries, not involuntaries; men who gave out of their principal for the maintenance of the principle of free will offerings to the Lord, and who gave willingly and conscientiously.

But it is an interesting fact that the U. P. Church in Scotland, the lineal descendant of the voluntaries and the most voluntary church in Scotland to-day, has an endowment of nearly \$400,000, or twice the amount which Knox is asking, and the U. P. Church gives to endowments too, at least to Manitoba College—sensible voluntaries they. We hope there will be a full tide of this willing