

for God's blessing on our work. Special subscriptions extending over five years were obtained in support of different chairs. These have been renewed four or five times, and one of the lists is still running its course. The sums subscribed per annum ranged from four hundred dollars down to five and even smaller amounts.

In 1871, the General Assembly launched a scheme by which to raise \$250,000 for the endowment of this College and Knox College, Toronto. The Rev. Dr. John Laing, of Dundas, was appointed agent to carry out the proposal. The details of it are now of no interest. Suffice it to say that, in spite of vigorous and persistent efforts for several months, it proved an utter failure. Our Board, once more, resumed with increased energy its own work, adding slowly to its invested capital, and securing special contributions such as those already referred to. In 1877, the executors of Mr. Hall, of Peterboro, paid to the Board a bequest of fifteen thousand dollars, which was added to the endowment fund, and brought it up to over forty thousand dollars. That the fund reached even this amount showed no small degree of liberality when we take into account the limited area from which it was drawn, the large sums raised at the same time for current expenses, and the amount laid out in the purchase of a site and the erection of the first buildings.

Almost contemporaneously with the opening of our additional buildings, the gift of Mr. D. Morrice, in 1882, a special wave of liberality flowed in our direction. Mrs. Redpath, of Terrace Bank, took the lead in the matter by endowing "The John Redpath Chair" to the amount of twenty thousand dollars which she afterwards increased to forty thousand.

The late Mr. Joseph MacKay bequeathed ten thousand dollars for endowment, and his brother Edward completed the endowment of the "Joseph MacKay Chair" by the gift of forty thousand dollars. Both brothers had been generous to all the funds of the College from its inception. At his death, in 1883, Mr. Edward MacKay bequeathed to the College ten thousand dollars more, and his three nephews, Messrs. Hugh, James and Robert MacKay, completed the endowment of the "Edward Mackay Chair" by adding to this amount forty thousand dollars. These are commendable examples of enlightened generosity such as were then of rare occurrence in the history of Canadian Presbyterianism. And it is matter for profound thankfulness that our institution continues to command the confidence and enjoy the support of like-minded persons. One gentleman of distinguished benevolence in many directions, who in the meantime prefers to have his name unknown, meets the entire cost of sustaining the Chair of Practical Theology, viz., \$2,750 per annum.

In 1881 the General Assembly instituted what was known as the "Common College Fund," from which the annual revenue of Queen's College,