

vernment has assured the representatives of the councils that it is considering this matter. Unless this language was meant to be only a pious fraud we have a right to take the government at its word. Otherwise we would be constrained to believe that the government of the province considers that it has done its duty when it not only does nothing for the east but does all it can to take from it the University built up by voluntary labours and sacrifices extending over well nigh half a century. No government, even though supported by the leader of the opposition, can hold such a position. It would be so manifestly unjust, that we cannot believe that the position will be taken, much less held, when the subject is considered.

The first blow in connection with the fund was struck when Mr. Carruthers agreed to build the new science hall; the next when the senate resolved to contribute \$10,000; the next when five gentlemen met privately and subscribed in five minutes \$11,000 of Kingston's \$50,000; and the next when a few more friends responded to a public invitation to meet in the council chamber and subscribed about \$9,000 more. Little more was done for some time. Engagements of various kinds took me elsewhere. However, I managed to visit Montreal and Ottawa before going to the general assembly in June. Our friends in those cities showed their old spirit, although local claims were being pressed strongly at the time. In July the Rev. Dr. Smith came to the assistance of the Kingston committee, and by the end of the month the expected \$50,000 were subscribed. I give these details to urge now the importance of volunteer subscriptions. If Dr. Smith's time and mine could have been given from the first to other places a better report would be submitted to-day. Early in September the total amount from all places had reached nearly \$150,000. Toronto was then appealed to, and at a meeting of a few friends \$25,000 were subscribed. Arrangements were then made for a public meeting in Shaftesbury hall. Illness prevented me from attending it or doing anything since, but thanks to the energy of the Toronto committee, presided over by such worthy sons as Revs. D. J. Macdonnell and G. M. Milligan, the list is already between \$35,000 and \$40,000. Although I do not know the exact amount of several lists the total amount now subscribed may be set down at about \$190,000. We are thus within \$60,000 of the minimum amount required to enable us to say that anything has been done. The question now is, How shall that be obtained? I can hold out no immediate prospect of doing anything, and therefore, volunteers are called for. Queen's has never employed a paid agent. All that has been done for her so far has been a labour of love, and has been twice blessed. May we not, therefore, feel confident that our friends in Kingston and all over the country who have not yet subscribed will not wait to be called on from without, but will send word of what they intend to do, and will organize in their respective localities, and accomplish all that is within their power. This would be a far grander tribute both to them and the University

than if I should do the whole work personally. My highest hope when I commenced the task on the 1st of May was that it should be completed in the same year in which it was begun. Now, that we may be said to be within sight of the goal it is surely reasonable to hope that it shall be reached, and that the quarter million shall be a Christmas gift, by graduates, alumni and benefactors, who know how to show their faith by their works, and who are determined that the future of Queen's shall be no longer uncertain, simply because of poverty financially. I use this last word advisedly. Queen's has never been really poor except in the estimation of those who count wealth in dollars only. Let us never exchange the old saying, "Where there is most life there is the victory," for the vulgar faith of Sir Georgias Midas, "Where there is money there is everything." Queen's has always been rich; rich in her history, her heroic origin, her struggles, her indomitable spirit, in the men who have filled her chairs and the men she has sent out from her halls. There has never been any doubt as to her future in the minds of her friends. What proves this is their generous response to every appeal. Splendid as the last response so far has been, I doubt whether in any case it has involved as much sacrifice as was made by those who laid her foundations between 1837 and '42. So much richer is the country now than it was then.

But I cannot close this report without specially recognizing what has been done by our friends in two cities in particular. Kingston as usual has done well, and yet it is hardly fair that the city as a whole should take the credit. The \$70,000 down in its name on the fund has been given by less than 200 subscribers. Are there not as many more able and willing to give, in this city that has always gladly showed its belief in the benefits conferred on it by the possession of a university like Queen's? If so, half of the sum now lacking could be made up here. Such an example would stimulate our friends to new exertions all over the country. Let us not underestimate the work to which we put our hands when as a community we unanimously rejected the proposed scheme of centralization in Toronto. That proposal inaugurated a new state of things so far as this province is concerned. It meant that the days of small ill-equipped universities were over. Our refusal to take part in the scheme meant that we intended to make Queen's equal in all respects to any other University in Canada. That is what we meant or we should at least have held our peace, for a second rate University is no boon, to any place or any person. The other city that deserves our most grateful recognition is Toronto. Our friends there have risen above all local and selfish considerations, and thought only of the common good. The first seven subscribers in Toronto contributed \$24,000. It now stands next to Kingston; and had I been able to give as much time there as had to be given to Kingston very likely its contribution would have equalled yours. From such a spirit as that manifested by them we can learn much. Let us always think, not