

lack of spirituality in the ministry; and, with this in view, you must not only see to the character of those who are sent to the Institute, but we must watch over the advancement of that character in the Institute. I regard it as a matter of great moment that the youths, who shall be gathered into it, should be thoroughly trained in the Bible, and well grounded in the truth as it is in Jesus; that they should especially be made familiar with the plan of salvation through a crucified Saviour, and be prepared to preach it plainly and forcibly; but with all this, I should regard it as a failure if that Institute shall not become a school of practical Christianity, where the doctrines studied shall become the means of the student's sanctification, and where Christ exhibited shall become the model upon which the character of the beholder shall be formed. The teachers and pupils must be bound together, and the pupils must be bound to one another by the closest ties of Christian brotherhood; their associations must be carried up into the fellowship of Christ; their meetings must be hallowed by prayer, and improved to the comfort and edification of their souls, so that the future ministers and missionaries of Canada may go forth, not only accomplished in knowledge, but strong in faith, ardent in love, adorned with all the graces of the Spirit, and equipped with the whole armor of God.

Now all this, let me say, is not such an easy and natural result as it may seem. A student life is not without its temptations, from without and within; and in order that our hopes and desires may be realised, let us all, from the first, be watchful over the spirit we breathe into our organization, and the atmosphere by which we surround it. And as it advances, let us continue to surround it by our united supplications at a throne of grace, that those who are within, while they are enriching their minds with intellectual stores, may also be strengthened with might by the Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in their hearts by faith; that they, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend, with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge; that they may be filled with all the fullness of God.

RECAPITULATION.

Let me now pass in hasty review the considerations thus far submitted to you in this address. We have seen the promising condition of the Common Schools and Seminaries of Learning in Canada, and the exemplary efforts of other denominations to promote ministerial education. We have seen in contrast, the inactivity of Baptists, while their numbers, circumstances, and opportunities eminently demand their best endeavors. They are last where they ought to have been foremost. We have seen the urgent demand which the destitution of churches, and of the Province at large, presents upon your earnest and prayerful endeavors to send laborers into the fields white for the harvest. We have seen that you must furnish and forward these laborers from your own ranks, and that the time has come when you must take an independent and self-sustaining position. We have seen that the Theological Institute and the Regular Baptist Missionary Society are the appropriate agents for preparing, distributing, and sustaining these laborers. We have seen the necessity for the exercise of meekness and forbearance in coöperating in the Missionary cause, and the practicability of your