

the careful attention which it is evident he has bestowed on their education.

JAS. ROBERTSON.  
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Montreal, July 7, 1843.

The Chairman then laid before the meeting the following testimonial from the Rev. H. Esson of the Scotch Church, addressed to the Rev. J. J. Carruthers.

MONTREAL, 3rd July, 1843.

MY DEAR SIR.—It is with unfeigned pleasure that I desire to communicate to you the expression of the high gratification which I experienced on the occasion of the examination of your students on Saturday last.

Considering the shortness of the time and the variety of the subjects of study in which your pupils have been engaged, I cannot but regard their proficiency, as in the highest degree creditable to their own talents, industry, and zeal, as well as your able and judicious conduct of the important work of their education. They read and parsed a chapter in the Hebrew Bible, with a readiness and accuracy which truly surprized me. The specimen which they gave of their attainments of the Greek and Latin languages, throughout a strict and searching examination, chiefly conducted by myself, prolonged for more than two hours, comprehending lessons in Ovid, Sallust, Xenophon's Anabasis, Herodotus, and portions of the New Testament in the Gospel of John, Acts of the Apostles, and the Epistle to the Romans, was in the highest degree satisfactory, and affords an encouraging example of how much can be done in a short time by young gentlemen who unite with the advantage of enlightened direction, a superior measure of talent and devotedness to the work of self improvement.

I cannot but congratulate you, my dear sir, and the Church which enjoys the benefit of your able services in the conduct of its Seminary for Theological Education, on the fair promise of this the first fruits of your Classical and Theological culture. I have been peculiarly pleased to see in your Seminary as in that of our friend Dr. Davis, the happy success of uniting sacred with Classical Literature, giving the first, as is due, the place of honor and precedence, proving that when the Castalian stream is mingled with that of "Siloe's brook, that flowed fast by the oracle of God," the former is purified and hallowed, and not less speedily drawn or copiously imbibed by the minds of ardent enquirers and Christian youth.

I sincerely pray that you who sow, and that the youths who have the happiness to reap, the benefit of your instructions, may both rejoice together

in the future progress of your all important work and in its final and perfect consummation. I am, my dear sir, with great regard, your friend and brother in the Lord,

H. ESSON.

To the Rev. J. J. Carruthers,

These documents having been read, the Rev. Messrs. Miles and Shirrell, Robertson Bourne, and Mackilligan, respectively moved and seconded the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted.

1. That as an educated and well trained ministry is intimately connected with the spread of vital religion and the prosperity of the Redeemer's Kingdom, we cannot therefore but express our gratitude to Almighty God for the prosperity of the Congregational Institute during the past year, our cordial thanks to the Rev. J. J. Carruthers for his very valuable services as Classical and Theological Professor, and our approbation of the proficiency and conduct of the students, praying the great head of the Church, that He may continue to smile upon and bless them in their future studies and labours.

Another resolution had been prepared by the Secretary, for which the above was substituted.

2. That whilst, at all times, an educated Christian Ministry is most desirable, it is especially so in the present day, when diversified and fatal errors in relation both to doctrine and practice, are propagated so diligently by men who combine so much acquired and natural talent, and successful opposition to whose efforts is only to be expected, in dependence on the Divine blessing, as the result of sound knowledge, and enlightened and well directed zeal.

3. That this meeting considers the Congregational Institute as of vast importance in relation to the great object of the union, viz the propagation of the gospel through the colony; and pledges itself to earnest prayer and liberal contribution on its behalf—and that an appeal be forthwith made to the Churches generally on its behalf.

The addresses of the reverend brethren were animated, instructive and encouraging. The Congregational Institute has obviously taken hold of the affections of the people. The need of a native Christian Ministry for Canada is increasingly felt, as the field is progressively explored, and the constantly augmenting population of the Colony strengthens and enforces its claim on the resources and practical benevolence of the Church of Christ.