

Our Synod has just concluded its annual Session. From east and west, far and wide, brethren met at Kingston, with feelings of true fraternal affection, to take part in the judicial and legislative functions of the Church. Every year our assembly waxes larger and stronger. Although the little one has not yet become a thousand, it is increasing by decades every year, and it promises ere long to be one of the strongest religious communities in the Province. The *personnel* of the Synod indicates that our Church is but in its youth. There are not many venerable fathers amongst us with the frost of age adorning their wrinkled-brows. Here and there in the throng, one and another may certainly be seen who have borne the burden and heat of the day—who have been honored by the Master of Assemblies to spend and be spent in His service, and who can tell a tale of the olden time, when cities now great were unknown, and smiling plains were covered with primeval forests. These fathers are the adornments of the Sanctuary. They capitate its columns with festoons of graceful experience and wisdom. For the most part, our Synod is composed of young men, swarthy and strong, the *tout ensemble* indicating vigour and independence of mind. We have little of the lackadaisical or infant school type of character among us. The stern realities with which our ministers have to deal with in this country do not conduce to the developement of such idiosyncrasies. It is not so much the *suaviter in modo* as the *fortiter in re* that the country wants at present; and while we have no lack of the former *grace*, we yet may be said to abound in the latter *virtue*. We have therefore a fitness for the *situation*. We are young, strong, and ardent, and have set ourselves with fixed purpose—from which it will be hard to divert us—to cover this land with Presbyterian churches, and to display the banner of the Gospel in its remotest wilds.

The whole business of the Supreme Court was conducted with much gravity and decorum. Our Moderator swayed his sceptre with dignity and grace. There were free speaking, warm and energetic statements, but over all there was cast the glow of Christian affection. This is as it should be; and so long as it characterizes our Synod, its meetings will be a source of delight and instruction to its members, its decisions will be accepted with becoming deference, and its schemes will be prosecuted with untiring zeal.

The College occupied much of the Court's attention. Many minor arrangements for the boarding house had to be considered and determined. The continuance of the tutorship for pre-entrants was also a subject of much difference of opinion and lengthy debate, in which the alumni of the College took a prominent part. The determination of the question was, we think, a wise and proper one. For the present, considering the inadequacy of the College income, it was judged expedient not to engage a permanent tutor, but to authorise the Professors and the Committee to make such private arrangements as may be required to meet the necessities of junior students. We trust that the day is at hand, when, by the increased efficiency of primary and grammar schools, and by the greater facility with which a curriculum in arts may be obtained in our chartered Universities, we shall be able to strike a pretty high standard of