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As we predicted in the first number of the present volume, Trinity has found a loyal supporter in the Bishop of Niagara, who, in his first address to his Synod, thus sets forth our claims to recognition in his Diocese:—

My attention has been drawn to the appeal issued by this institution for a supplemental endowment of \$200,000, and to the representations made by this Diocese by my predecessor in favor of this appeal. I learn that with the exception of Hamilton and Guelph the congregations have not made any response. I must therefore, request you to listen to the following statement:— For 34 years Trinity College has done good work amongst the community. It has trained over 600 graduates in the several faculties of divinity, arts, law, medicine and music. Five per cent of the graduates are to-day holding high educational positions, and about 150 more are doing good service in the ranks of the ministry, whilst of the graduates in medicine, those who have gone to England to complete their studies, have so distinguished themselves as to secure special recognition for their Alma Mater from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons.

During these thirty-four years the Church people of this province have never, until the present appeal, been called upon to contribute a dollar towards its maintenance or its increased efficiency. The present generation will be ready to recognize the obligation which rests on them to extend and strengthen by this supplemental endowment fund, an institution founded by their fathers in the days of their comparative poverty.

It would be a reproach to us if we could be satisfied simply to enjoy the fruits of their labors and self-denial without endeavoring to do at least as much in proportion to the increase in our numbers, the multiplication of our comforts and wealth towards supplementing the endowment fund, as they did originally in laying the foundation of it. The Presbyterians have recently raised \$300,000 for Queen's College, Kingston, and secured \$133,000 for Knox College Toronto. The Methodists have also subscribed \$200,000 towards Victoria College, Cobourg, besides founding two professorships in the same institution, each of which is the gift of a single family in this city of Hamilton, all honor to them.

Our aid for Trinity College ought to proceed both from families and individuals to whom God has entrusted large wealth: and from the small contributions of every member of every congregation, however limited their means. No doubt Trinity College can secure without our aid the completion of their fund \$200,000 for the support of additional professors and enlarging the usefulness of the institution in several important directions, but what will our position be if we had no part or share in it? We shall have kept our money, but shall we be the richer for it? We shall have let others do the work without us, but shall we be the truer and better men for this? I would accordingly urge respectfully and earnestly all men of wealth amongst us to contribute freely, and I would ask the clergy to arrange with the authorities of Trinity College for a visit from their agent, who is engaged in setting forth the history and the work and the claims of Trinity College before those who may be ready to listen to them. You cannot, my reverend brethren, control what your congregations will contribute or the objects which they may choose or refuse to promote, but you can secure for them the opportunity of hearing and knowing about the different claims and efforts

which the Church amongst us recognizes and approves. And it is this that I would recommend you to do in this and every other instance.

Subsequently the Synod at the Bishop's direction passed the following resolution:—

Rev Canon READ moved "That the Synod supports the recommendation made by the Bishop regarding the supplemental endowment fund of Trinity College as at present constituted, and recommends the clergy to take the action indicated by the Bishop.

Rev. W. J. MACKENZIE seconded the motion.

Archdeacon DIXON supported the motion, and expressed himself in favor of the College remaining as at present constituted. He would not support the motion but for the proviso "as at present constituted."

The motion was passed.

LITERARY NOTES.

In the Quebec *Morning Chronicle* for June 1st we notice the following editorial eulogistic of two well-known contributors to our pages; we only trust that the suggestion in regard to Mr. Lampman's works may soon be carried out:—

Ottawa has recently become the centre of considerable literary activity,—a hopeful sign of the times, we think. Among the group of younger men in the Capital, who have to some extent adopted letters as their profession, are EDMUND COLLINS, JAMES MACDONALD OXLEY and A. LAMPMAN. The former is much the stronger writer, being equally excellent in fiction, biography and sketch writing. Mr. COLLINS has devoted his labors lately, with successful results, to the production of short stories for juvenile readers,—a form of composition which is exceptionally difficult to accomplish well. *St. Nicholas* and *Wide Awake* have both accepted some striking tales from his pen, while other magazines have expressed a willingness to secure his services for their pages. Mr. OXLEY's admirable paper on SIR JOHN MACDONALD in *Lippincott's*, attracted attention in Canada as well as in England and the United States. The current issue of the *Popular Science Monthly* contains an able article on the Mediterranean of Canada by Mr. OXLEY, who writes with clearness and force. MR. LAMPMAN is a young poet, whose writings may be found in such vehicles as *The Century* and *St. Nicholas* of New York, and the *Week* of Toronto. His work is marked by tenderness of expression and feeling, and one may safely predict a career in literature for this sweet and graceful singer of pure songs. A collection of the fugitive pieces of MR. LAMPMAN ought to be made.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Editor ROUGE ET NOIR.

DEAR SIR,—

I was pleased to see in the last issue of ROUGE ET NOIR a protest against the change made in the time for sending in the Prize Compositions.

The only reason for it which I can imagine is the altered time of Convocation. The prizes for the Compositions will thus be awarded at Convocation, which, of course, would be impossible, if they were sent in at the close of the long vacation. But surely this is but a slight advantage compared with the weighty objections which you have drawn attention to. The subject of a Prize Essay, for instance, to be treated of at all, requires a great deal of reading, and time, and still more careful thought, which requires more than time,—a leisure free from the anxieties of class-work and approaching examinations.

I trust the authorities will consider these objections, and make a change which is absolutely necessary if representative work is to be expected. Yours &c.,

H. SYMONDS.

C. L. Shaw, B. A., who enlisted as one of the Nile voyageurs and subsequently extended his tenure of service, has, upon his return homeward, been stricken with small-pox in London.