

multiplied with added advantage to the institution, and with unspeakable benefit to those whose proficiency they would sustain and reward. But there is a large class of deserving and needy students who fall short of the rank which entitles them to scholarships. Among those who become our best scholars there are some who, not having enjoyed the preliminary training of schools of a high grade, are not prepared for the first months of their college course, to become successful competitors with those who are thoroughly fitted to enter college. There are others who in rank fall but little below the successful competitors, and are fully their equals in industry and merit. There are yet others, destined to be able and useful men in after-life, who commence their education at a late period, and cannot, therefore, become as accurate classical scholars as those who acquire the rudiments of the ancient languages in childhood, who yet attest their mental capacity and vigor by their strong grasp of the subjects on which they are occupied in the last years of the college course. For these classes of students our general beneficiary fund presents a very inadequate resource, the dividend which each applicant can receive averaging not more than from twenty to thirty dollars per annum. Many of these students submit to severe privations, struggle on in depressing poverty, and often incur a burden of indebtedness which must weigh heavily upon them for many subsequent years. It is very desirable that there should be a fund,—a large fund if possible,—the income of which should be distributed, not with sole reference to the scale of rank, but in the joint ratio of merit and need. The disposal of the proceeds of such a fund might be intrusted to the President, or to a select committee of the Faculty, and left, without restrictive rules, to his or their discretion. A provision of this character would meet a want profoundly and painfully felt by those members of the Faculty who have been placed in confidential relations with individual students, whose own ability to render aid is limited, and who often know not where to look to private generosity for the requisite funds, or are reluctant to multiply appeals where appeals are never made in vain."

Every statement of this extract applies with still greater force to our Canadian Colleges, and especially to this, where not even the limited provision made at Harvard exists.

In Canada, such Scholarships exist in limited numbers in the