

were thrown upon our own resources. There is a steady increase since 1869 in the number of students and the number of the staff, in revenue, endowment, library, laboratory and general equipment. We have never received in the whole course of our history what is known in university language as a good subscription. No one man has ever endowed a chair. The largest contribution from any one source was the legacy of between ten and eleven thousand dollars left by the late Robert Sutherland, B.A., the only coloured graduate Queen's has ever had. Our growth is due to the number of our friends and not to large donations, to the general interest felt in Queen's rather than to the affection of a family. Probably the explanation of our not receiving sums of thirty, fifty or a hundred thousand dollars at once is that our fathers in founding the university selected Kingston in preference to a large city, believing Kingston to be the most suitable centre for the whole country. The work that Queen's does is thus not before the eyes of those who have great wealth. But we have no reason to be disappointed. The most wealthy university connected with the Presbyterian Church in the United States is Princeton. Well, when Princeton celebrated its centenary, its endowment was less than that which Queen's has in its forty-fourth year. The fact that so much has been done, and done in the spirit that has actuated the donors, should make us careful before we think of even the appearance of breaking faith, for all that has been hitherto given was unmistakably for "Queen's University at Kingston," to quote from the Royal Charter. As I am speaking to men of different denominations, permit me to say that our connection with the Presbyterian Church secures to us traditions and influences that we would not part with on any account,

and, yet at the same time, does not hamper in the least our freedom and self-government. Our fathers laid the foundations of Queen's in a generous spirit, and from the day of its opening till now it has been distinguished for its catholicity. There is no sectarianism about Queen's. We boast neither of our orthodoxy nor of our secularism. We think that it is a good thing that the country should have an university of such a type and with such a history, and evidently the country thinks so too. For instance, I do not know one prominent Roman Catholic gentleman in and around Kingston that has not contributed to extend Queen's, and I go as readily for help to men of one denomination as to men of another and am not disappointed.

It is a blessing to know that here after I am to be relieved of the burden of asking for subscriptions, and that this pleasant duty will be discharged by able and willing volunteers. You know our present position; that quarter of a million dollars are needed to put the university in a condition of thorough efficiency; and you know from my recent inaugural what the objects are to which the money will be applied. The intention of this association is to try to get the interest of a quarter of a million from a large number of subscribers, so that in the event of the capital sum not being forthcoming at once we shall have the interest of it within a measurable time. Hard work will be needed to attain anything near the point that has been indicated. If I were to offer a word of advice to this branch, I would suggest that something specific be aimed at. The Kingston Branch aims at raising annually enough to pay for an additional professor. Why not also aim at a chair or a lectureship? At any rate, aim high.

Some may interpose here, and say, you would not have required so much