

# THE PRESBYTERIAN.

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The Calendar of Queen's University and College, Kingston, a copy of which we acknowledge, is quite a sizable pamphlet of 72 pages. Its contents are well arranged and present a large amount of information, respecting the various Faculties and the numerous advantages which, in the several departments of the Institution, are offered to its students in the pursuit of a collegiate education. Within the last few years a marked progress has been made in the way of organization and equipment, showing the presence of a guiding spirit and a diligent executive in the administration of affairs. The steady increase in the number of students and graduates is extremely gratifying, and affords a good reason for gratulation to all who are interested in the extension of the benefits of a higher education in the Province. The Synod at its last meeting took special notice of this circumstance and placed on record an expression of satisfaction in reference to it. The largest number of candidates for license in any year in the history of the Church appeared for examination and passed their trials; and next year, if all the second year students come forward and complete their course, the number will be even greater. The Church has thus every reason to expect that, with the blessing of her adorable Head, considerable progress will be made in the extension of her limits and operations.

With the facilities which Queen's University now offers for a thorough education in the several Faculties of Arts, Medicine, Law, and Theology, we have the greatest confidence in recommending parents to take advantage of them for the benefit of their sons. There is nothing near so good that parents can do for their sons than put them in the way of receiving a sound training and a liberal education. It is besides doing the best thing in their power for the advancement of their country's highest interests. The time has fully come when, if Canada would be true to herself, she must see to it that she be great in learning as well as in material wealth.

It is more in our way to urge the importance of keeping up a due supply of qualified candidates for the holy ministry. This is requisite not only to retain the ground we already occupy—but to extend the borders of our Zion. The ordinary rapid increase of the population demands the putting forth of efforts to this end; and what has occurred within the last few years, during which a goodly number of new charges has been formed, abundantly proves that, over and above that cause of demand, there is throughout the Province much room for the extension of our Church. Ought it not to be a more common thing than it is for Christian parents to devote a son to the service of the Lord in the ministry of the Gospel? Ought they not prayerfully to represent it to their children as the noblest and most useful position they can occupy on earth, and by this and other means strive to incline their hearts to it? It is true that in a material point of view, and as things are estimated by worldly minds, they have little to expect, and should they be animated by the prospect of mere temporal distinctions it were better for them to turn their ambition in some other direction. But he who, out of love to Christ and His most holy cause, becomes an ambassador of the Gospel, devotes himself to a work in which he may be truly great and highly honoured,—an instrument in the hand of God of bringing some of his perishing fellow men to the enjoyment of eternal life.

We feel that these few observations would not be complete, were we not also to direct the attention of the richer members of our Church to the opportunities which are presented to them of benefiting our College. The Observatory, the Botanic Garden, the Museum, the Library, the Scholarships and Bursaries are all objects of very great importance for which much assistance is needed, and we are sure that donations will be most thankfully received by the authorities. We venture to suggest further that an effort must speedily be made to increase the staff of Professors. We notice