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Queen's College,

KINGSTON, ONTARIO, CANADA, 29TH MAY, 1869.

DEAR SIR:

This Institution has been recently subjected to a financial embarrassment of the greatest severity. About eighteen months ago the failure of the Commercial Bank reduced its annual income by 1000 dollars, and in December last the Government of Ontario, having resolved to give no aid to educational Institutions connected with particular Churches, discontinued the annual grant of 7000 dollars allowed by the Government of Canada prior to the Confederation of the British American Provinces. Being thus deprived of more than half its revenue, the continuance of it on its present footing seemed to be almost impossible.

At a meeting of Synod held here in January last for the special consideration of this crisis, it was resolved to appeal to the friends of the College for an endowment of at least 100,000 dollars, which, bearing interest at six per cent, would fully make up for the reduction which has taken place. The support given to this scheme has been encouraging in the highest degree. We already estimate our subscriptions at 70,000 dollars and receipts over 25,000. So many localities have yet to be visited that no difficulty in obtaining the amount required is now apprehended. On the contrary it is proposed to extend the effort and endeavour to raise 50,000 dollars more, for the purpose of founding an additional professorship in each of the Faculties of Arts and Theology, and making other improvements which the Trustees have for some time been anxious to introduce.

To complete so great an enterprise, especially in a new country like this, is a work of time. Many of the subscriptions are payable by instalments, and for this reason it is not expected that the smaller endowment of 100,000 dollars will be completed before April, 1871. The sustentation of the College in the meantime, without using any part of the collections intended for the endowment, is a subject of pressing importance and great anxiety. In order to meet this difficulty the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland has been asked to authorize an appeal to the friends of the College in Scotland, and this the Committee has generously done in the pages of the *Home and Foreign Missionary Record*. About £1000 Sterling a-year for the next two years will be required.

Any assistance you can give or induce others to give will be most thankfully received. Simon S. Laurie, Esq., Secretary to the Colonial Committee, 22 Queen Street, Edinburgh, will forward any contributions which may be sent to him.

Queen's College was founded in 1841 by a Royal Charter conferring upon it the style and privileges of a University. In the departments of Arts and Theology it has at present six Professors. It has been attended by upwards of 700 students, most of whom have reflected credit upon their *Alma Mater*, some of whom have highly distinguished themselves in competition with students from Institutions in the Old World. It has educated for the Church in Canada more than one half of the Ministers on the Synod Roll. It is universally acknowledged to have exercised a most important influence on the progress of Superior Education in this new country.

I have the honour to be your obedient Servant,

W. SNODGRASS,

*Convener of the Synod's General Committee.*