

can be shown anything to equal the continued courageous attitude assumed by our ministers and laymen toward the College. This year the response to the appeal reached the magnificent sum of \$2,200. Two thousand two hundred dollars. Our people throughout the Province have subscribed already through the Thanksgiving Fund about a thousand dollars to the College, and we do hope that before October has come many more will remember the needs of our young Institution and help to relieve it of all burdensome obligations. Our needs are easily made evident. We must place ourselves in the educational forefront or we shall have no place at all. There is no reason why we should not even next year do the best work, with the best equipment, and under the most favorable conditions, of any Institution in the Province. We need an addition to the staff, additional facilities for carrying on our work in the form of dormitory and class room extension; physical apparatus, etc., and let us say here that our earnest Board of Directors are doing their utmost to provide all they possibly can. With the generous assistance of our Methodism in this Province it will all be done and next Conference will find us rejoicing in a success of which we shall feel justly proud. A new feature of our work this next year is seen in the method chosen by the Board of bringing the College with its needs and advantages before our people. This is the appointment of Rev. E. Robson to act in behalf of the College to solicit subscriptions and turn the attention of students to the College wherever possible. We feel that the best man in our Church has been chosen and we are sure that he will be received right gladly by all our people. We would assure to all that he does not come a begging, but on a God-sent mission. He comes to your fields of labor in behalf of the cause of Methodism and not for personal ends. He comes to awaken you to a sense of your duty, and we trust that as a brother beloved, seeking to advance this most important branch of our Church work he will be received by one and all. And now a few words as to our Future Outlook, or perhaps we should say "Our Future Hope." "We are saved by hope," says the Apostle, and so will it be with our College and our Church. We must remember that the basis of all true education is a religious basis; moreover we may say that a religious education is the only form of education that can claim to develop the whole personality of man. This means no narrow denominationalism, in any sense, for that which is narrow is opposed to the very idea of development. A religious education is one of culture, wherein man's duty to self, to the state and to God is brought into clearer light and every incentive aroused and every influence set in operation to lead to the discharging of such duties. Why should not our College in the coming days send forth men and women who shall make for themselves places of importance in this Province? Shall not our Church and all churches in the Province have some influence on the rising generations of Western life, directing their energies and forming the habits that shall control in after years? What more potent factor to accomplish this than a Christian College? We shall boast of a College free from sectarianism, for its doors are open to all; a College whose work is not cir-

cumscribed, for it meets the demands of all curricula of study, and sends its students to all examinations, and does this in a religious home where personal attention is given to all alike. Why should we not crowd to the front until by our work and advantages offered we shall be able to obtain a standing as a University chartered institution? It may be

worthy of the object for which it exists, and the Church by whose patronage it is succeeding? We believe that when attention is called to this excellent opportunity before our Church of advancing our College interests it will be seized by our people. We have no more difficulties to face in the way of success than have fallen to the lot of all such institutions,



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done, and by loyal and vigorous effort it shall yet be done. Another fact of importance now dawns upon us with the rapid progress of our Church, and that is the preparation of our young men for the ministry. We are glad to welcome them to our College halls. None shall receive more care and attention than they. We recognize the zeal, the enthusiasm, the aptitude of our young men, and know well the good work already done on circuit and mission before they come to us; but they themselves wish to do better work, and hence they come. No man was ever harmed by a College course. We believe he would have spoiled anyway if his course in College seemed to destroy his apparent usefulness. But we anticipate no such disaster. We have no new fads to divulge. We know of one way only to Life, and that is the well-trodden path that passes the Cross of Calvary. We shall emphasize the old truths, and try to strengthen the faith of our young men in them. Lest some may have misgivings, may we say that the basis of all our theological teaching is that the death of Jesus Christ is a full, perfect, and sufficient oblation for the sins of all men, and as your young men come to us and go from us we trust they will not only be rooted and grounded in faith, but be better fitted to rightly divide the word of truth. We shall endeavor to make them better men and better preachers and better citizens, and is it not ours to reasonably expect that the people to whom our young men shall go in after years, the people who are directly the beneficiaries of the work of our College, shall assist us in making it

and it seems not too great an undertaking to achieve such success as shall make Columbian College the first educational institution in the land.

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Beloved Brethren;—Our first word to you must be one of thankfulness and praise; God has bestowed His goodness upon us during the past year, and to Him be glory and dominion.

The returns for the year show encouraging increases all round. There is a small increase in Missionary givings; we have added to our Church property new premises to the value of about \$18,000; our offerings for all purposes have advanced nearly 25 per cent.; while, best of all, our membership returns show a happy increase of 438. In these facts we rejoice with you, brethren; our hearts are hereby assured on your behalf; they prove your continued "love in the Spirit," and your fruitfulness is good works; "we therefore thank God upon every remembrance of you."

We are not insensible, beloved, to the responsibilities placed upon us in our "high calling" to be pastors of the flock of Christ, and we would "watch for your souls as those who must give account." There are a few things, therefore, concerning which we would put you in remembrance:

First of all, we would utter an earnest word concerning Personal Religion. Re-