

Much of this must justly be attributed to the fact that distinguished men from Scotland have filled so many of her pulpits; and our readers will have no difficulty in naming many, some dead, some wearing on to a good old age, and some still in the prime and vigour of manhood, who would have taken a high place in any Christian church. In the early period of the history of our Church we had neither the means nor the men to have occupied the field of labour presented by Canada. Nor, looking to the progress we have made, can we say we regret this. Believing that an uneducated can never be an efficient ministry, the founders of our Church in this Province wisely set up as high a standard as the circumstances of the country would admit of, to which candidates for the ministry must attain before being admitted to the office. And if our Church has been accused of a lack of energy, it is because she believed no permanent good, and much, very much evil would be the result of turning loose into missionary fields raw, uneducated lads, to bring contempt upon the solemn and momentous truths of the blessed Gospel. We must all acknowledge the wisdom of the course that has been followed, when we see our pulpits throughout the Province filled by educated men, the majority of whom have come from Queen's College. But much as has been done by Queen's College in time past, we owe it to ourselves, as Scotchmen and Presbyterians, to make our University even more efficient. Constitutional changes, tending to make of these British North American Provinces a great nation, are now contemplated. It is for us to give to this nation the impress of our national character and religion. It is through our educational institutions that this must be done, and it is our duty to see that they are put in a position to exert a strong influence. A proposal has been made to found a memorial professorship in honour of the late Dr. Leitch. That is well, and we trust that it will be carried out. But we want more than that; and we know that if once roused, once in earnest, once having made up their minds that a thing must be done, it is no slight difficulty that will stop our countrymen. They are wise enough to know that it is from the educational system founded by our reforming forefathers, that Scotland's sons have taken a leading position in every part of the globe, and we are convinced that they in turn will leave to their children in this land a similar legacy.

AN address, calling attention to the evils arising from the too common practice of attending to the burial of the dead on the Lord's day, has been issued by the Protestant ministers in Kingston, C. W. The practice is not confined to our large towns. It is an evil existing also in the rural districts, and we trust that the example set by Kingston may be followed throughout the Province. The address has been signed by ministers of all denominations, and is as follows:

We, the undersigned Protestant Clergymen of this City, earnestly and respectfully request the attention of our people generally to the question of Sabbath funerals.

The too common practice of attending to the burial of the dead on the Lord's Day, when it might be avoided, is fraught with many evils—tending to the neglect of public worship and to general Sabbath desecration.

So strong are our convictions of the moral evils connected therewith, and of the benefits which would result from a more sacred regard for the obligations of the Sabbath, that we hereby declare our purpose not to attend funerals on that day, unless in cases of necessity: and we affectionately solicit the countenance and co-operation of the community in carrying it out.

IN issuing our accounts for 1865, we would again tender our thanks to the many friends who so promptly remitted this year; we rely on them to do the same for the next year. Arrears have accumulated to some extent; and if *The Presbyterian* is to extend its usefulness and increase its attractions, these must be collected. It is a disagreeable duty to remind those who are in our debt of the necessity of paying up, but, for the sake of the subscribers themselves, it must be done. Our terms are *strictly in advance*.

If, during the past year, those who have received the magazine feel that it has been an acceptable visitor to their own homes, will they not try to extend our subscription list for 1865. We enclose a schedule in each number of this issue, and would fain hope that many, if not all, of them will be returned with additional names. Not one half of the families of our own Church take *The Presbyterian*. Every minister and elder throughout the bounds of our Synod ought to act as an agent for this, the only literary representative of our Church in Canada.

WE have been compelled to leave over several original articles which have come to hand. We shall endeavour to find room for them in our next.