

It is proposed that at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees (April 27th), a General Conference be held in Convocation Hall, and that action be then taken authoritatively. Anticipating that action shall be taken, one tried friend has already promised to take twenty shares, another five, another two, and several one share each of the proposed 500. In the meantime, I submit this statement, and would be much obliged for any indication of your views on the whole subject. I need say no more. This paper has been written under a sense of responsibility that self-restraint bids me keep to myself. It goes forth from a heart heavy with apprehension, because well aware that many have made sacrifices already and that few can be expected to appreciate the real importance of the work Queen's is doing and of the place it fills. But, the supporters of Queen's have been tested before and have never failed. If the means of some noble-minded sons were equal to their insight or their will, there would be no cause for apprehension. But it is not possible to believe that our University, with its noble history, its present power, and all the advantages spiritual and intellectual which its constitution secures and which the fact of self-government enables its Trustees and Senate to utilize to the utmost, shall be suffered to dwindle and starve, just when a new era is dawning with the promise of a wider field of usefulness than ever before.

This, thank God, is the last effort of the kind that I will ever be called on to make. If it succeeds, the University will—for the first time in its history—be on a permanent foundation, and I, if spared, can give myself to more congenial work. If it fails, the responsibility will not be on those who do their duty.

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