

prescribe for "the Church of the future;"—not, I humbly and reverently trust, necessarily estranging man from God, the Father, Saviour, and Comforter of all.

But it has been alleged that the College has not furnished the men whom the higher interests of the Province requires; that its Graduates are not prominent in Councils or Offices; do not distinguish themselves in popular debates; and are not the applauded leaders of religious assemblies. And the allegation may be acknowledged to have some foundation in facts. Our expectations, encouraged indeed by the solemn assurance of Her Majesty's Representative, (made in this place, and I doubt not with perfect sincerity on the part of that gallant and generous-hearted individual,) to whom was committed the duty of introducing a new form of Provincial Administration, that young men of approved proficiency and merit in the College, might depend on the favour and patronage of the Government, have not been verified to any remarkable extent. Although the principles of sound argument and composition have been here taught and studied, the instances are not very numerous of our scholars lifting up their voices in public meetings. And while the Presbyterian, both of the Established Church of Scotland and of the Free Church, the Baptist, the Methodist, and even the Roman-Catholic from the mountains of Tipperary, have here received the same attention and been entitled as Students to equal privileges, I certainly am not aware that they are as yet seen to minister at other altars, or occupy other pulpits than those of our English Church.

Whether such failures (supposing them all alike to be regretted) are in any degree justly chargeable on our system, I will not undertake to determine. The circumstances at which I have glanced might perhaps be candidly admitted to have rendered success in some respect almost hopeless. The period can hardly be thought to have arrived for the full development in many instances of the influential abilities which may have been nursed and formed among us. Nor is