

fects us in worshipping God without fear or molestation—and that the destroying angel's pestilential breath has not been blown upon our Province as on many parts of the globe.

Dear Brethren—there are other important duties devolving upon us; to you, as Christians, much has been given and much will be required. You see the pointed opposition of those who have the control of the public funds, against the Seminary of Learning established under the direction of our Denomination in this Province;—they seem determined that our Institution shall not receive the smallest amount of assistance from the revenues raised by an equal tax upon all Denominations, and that no portion of those revenues shall be appropriated for the support of Institutions of Learning connected with any Denomination of Dissenters in this Province. Does not such a course savour of a sentiment like this? “Keep them in ignorance and they will be less likely to appreciate their privileges.” What, dear Brethren, is our duty in such a case? Shall a Denomination consisting of nearly three thousand communicants, with probably five times that number, connected with us as members of our congregations, and possessing the sentiments of the Denomination, allow the operations of a useful Institution to be suppressed by such opposition when we have the means of sustaining it within our own power? Moreover, Brethren, will you—can you, leave those whom you have entrusted with the transaction of business, for the furtherance of the Gospel and the dissemination of knowledge in the Province, to continue to bear, alone, the burden at present resting upon them? Think, dear Brethren, of Jacob's pious vow at Bethel, “Of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee.” Hear also the language of David, “But who am I and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort, for all things are of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee.” Let us then recollect that all we possess came from God, and enquire of Him “what wilt Thou have us to do,” and take the answer from His word—“The Lord loveth a cheerful giver,” also, “there is that giveth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet and it tendeth to poverty.” We must consider that we are not our own, but that we are bought with a price, consequently our all is His who hath redeemed us by His precious blood.

Dear Brethren—We would exhort you to continue instant in prayer; it is the means of grace whereby we draw nigh unto God, and in drawing nigh to Him He has promised to draw nigh to us; and as He is the sun of righteousness, by His drawing nigh unto us light breaks in upon our minds, and we are able to see more clearly our errors and our duty. “And we beseech you, Brethren, to know them who labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;” remember, they are men subject to like pas-

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