

It must be allowed that we are not at present prepared to meet, as fully as more richly endowed societies, the expense attendant on the teaching of some branches of science, which are now especially popular, and are recommended by their great practical utility ; yet we ought not to doubt that the liberality of Churchmen will surely enable us to make the teaching of the College at least *sufficient* in this department ; while I am satisfied that we may still give most efficiently, what was formerly regarded as constituting, and does still to a very large extent constitute, the education of a gentleman. It must be by our own fault if we do not continue to enjoy a reputation for solid classical training, and if our mathematical standard does not remain at least equal to that which is maintained elsewhere ; and I believe that as the country progresses in wealth and in culture, we shall find, among its best and worthiest families, many who will be glad to seek, in addition to these advantages, the priceless benefits of such an education as can be given only on Christian principles, and under the hallowed shelter of the Church of Christ.

The past leaves to us, as must ever be the case, many a cause for humiliation and regret ; but, thank God, it leaves us also many an occasion for gratitude and hope. Let us, then, be of good courage, and offer with trustful hearts the prayer of the text : “ And the work of our hands, oh, establish upon us ; yea, the work of our hands, establish Thou it.” “ That which we have attempted in our feebleness, let Thy Almighty Hand make permanent.”

But, remember, it is the ‘ work of *our* hands’ which