

and those in Great Britain and Ireland, it should be borne in mind that in the mother country learning is stimulated and encouraged by the most splendid rewards; and success in obtaining these, marks a man for success in life; while here the efforts and the sacrifices of the friends and benefactors of education have as yet only sufficed to give the student the means of seeking learning for its own sake; and in so far as Lower Canada is concerned, the Province at large, as represented by its Government and Legislature, has not given anything for the permanent endowment of aids to liberal education, and may not unfairly be supposed to believe, that the higher learning in this country, and in the case of poor students, is a nuisance to be abated, rather than an object of public utility to be fostered and encouraged. All the more honour, therefore, should in these circumstances be given to the men who have prosecuted this good work, and to the earnest and diligent students who here pursue the path of knowledge without the prospect of the golden rewards, which in more cultivated lands would reward their efforts. They should be all the more highly esteemed. I may further remark that we must not suppose that in Britain the aids given to students by Scholarships are regarded as relics of bygone times, or as not requiring additions. New endowments of this kind are constantly being given; and among other instances I see, that in the will of Dr. Whewell, the late Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, than whom no man was more fully acquainted with the present wants of education, handsome properties are bequeathed to the University for the foundation of Scholarships.

In the American Universities also, provisions of this kind have been made. Yale College has the means of annually aiding about 90 students, at an annual cost of nearly \$5000. In regard to Harvard College, I find the following information and appeal, in a late report of the President. He says:—"Another subject to which it may not be amiss to ask your attention, and that of the public, is the provision made for indigent students. We have now thirty-seven scholarships. It is impossible to over-estimate their beneficial influence upon the College. They attract to the University a large number of the very best of our scholars, who otherwise would seek less expensive Colleges. They have raised to a degree which those not connected with the College can hardly appreciate, the general standard of scholarship and of character. They might be