

be carried into effect by a separate Act of the Provincial Parliament, the University of Queen's College has done as much for the higher education of youth as the University College at Toronto, under its successive designations, if not more—numbering in general, year after year, more matriculated students, and giving them an education, Your Petitioners venture to say, not inferior to that received at any other University in the Province.

That Your Petitioners, therefore, have uniformly maintained the claim of the University of Queen's College to a just and liberal share in the public University Endowment for Upper Canada, on the ground of the express terms, and wise design of the original grant, and of the successful labours of Queen's College for the promotion of a higher education among the youth of the Province.

That this claim was further recognised both by the preamble, and by the 54th clause of the University Act of 1853, the latter providing for the reservation, and subsequent appropriation by Parliament, of the surplus income of the University fund for the benefit of the different University Colleges of the Province.

That although that Act unfortunately was not so framed as to meet the wishes of the leading religious bodies in Upper Canada, and therefore of the great bulk of its population, yet had the intention of the clause above referred to been fairly and in good faith, carried out, Your Petitioners have no doubt, that the University question would long ere now have been wisely and equitably settled.

That the intention, however, of that provision of the Act 1853 has not been fulfilled, and Your Petitioners have reason to believe, from the extravagant expenditure of the University revenues, that it will not be fulfilled, so long as things remain as they are at present.

That Your Petitioners, therefore, are compelled to have recourse to Your Honourable House, in order that a thorough investigation of the whole matter may take place, and that Your Honourable House may review the Act of 1853, which has been practically nullified in its two main provisions by the virtual blotting out of the University, and substituting the University College of Toronto in its place, and by the application of the whole public provision made for academic instruction to the maintenance and fostering of one College alone to the exclusion of all others.

That for the interests of a higher education, and its wider dissemination throughout the Province, as well as in justice to the University of Queen's College, and the other University Colleges in Upper Canada, which though comparatively unaided, have each done as much for the advancement of Academic instruction as the University College of Toronto, or more, Your Petitioners appeal to Your Honourable House, and confidently leave the matter in your hands, assured, that, unless an Act of the Provincial Parliament is to be set at naught with impunity, you will take immediate and effectual steps for remedying the evils of which Your Petitioners have just reason to complain, and for finally settling this important question in a wise, and equitable, manner.

And Your Petitioners will ever pray.

Signed, in name and by appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, on this the Fifth day of June, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty years, by

ALEXANDER MATHIESON, D.D.,  
Moderator.

## POSTSCRIPT.

### FUNERAL OF THE LATE HON. PETER MCGILL.

We purpose to allude in our next issue to the career and death of the late Hon. Peter McGill, long an office-bearer in our Church, and meantime insert the following notice of the funeral:—

Although the rain poured down in torrents yesterday afternoon, a large number of the leading citizens of Montreal assembled to pay the last sad mark of respect to the late Mr. McGill.

The cortege moved from his late residence at a little before 3 o'clock. The pall-bearers were, the Hon. George Moffatt, the Hon. Justice McCord, the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Fraser, T. B. Anderson, Esq., D. Davidson, Esq., A. Simpson, Esq., F. Griffin, Esq., J. Redpath, Esq. The Hon. John Rose, who came expressly from Quebec to attend the funeral and was to have been a pall-bearer, was only able to join the procession as it entered the Church. Many of the shops on the streets through which the cortege passed were closed out of respect to the deceased. The flags of vessels in the harbour were hoisted at half-mast. St. Paul's Church was hung with black. The Rev. Mr. Snodgrass conducted the funeral services. After the opening prayer the 8th Paraphrase from Job xiv., was sung:

Few are thy days and full of woe,  
O man of woman born, &c,

He then addressed briefly but eloquently those assembled from the words "It is appointed unto all men once to die." He commented on the universality of death; how the life of all men was summed up in brief—"He lived and died." He drew vivid comparisons from the marks of autumnal decay in nature, where the fall of the first leaf is but the precursor that all must soon follow, to the manner in which death cut down, one after another, a generation of men. If in any case we might hope for an exception, it was in favor of those who by their goodness, their moral attributes had won esteem and respect. But they had proof before them that even the Christian and patriot must die also. He alluded to the career of usefulness through which their

friend and fellow-citizen had passed, and then dwelt at some length upon the necessity for preparation by all for the death that must come; and he concluded his discourse by saying that he would read to them a portion of those Holy Scriptures from which, each day during his busy life, and during his last hours, deceased had drawn comfort and consolation. The Rev. gentleman then read from the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians, beginning,—"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." The 53rd Paraphrase of Thessalonians, C. iv., v. 13, was then sung.

"Take comfort, Christians, when your friends  
In Jesus fall asleep,  
Their better being never ends,  
Why then dejected weep?"

The services were then concluded with prayer, after which the funeral cortege again set forth to the cemetery, and thus the citizens of Montreal bore to his last resting place one who had long lived among them, one they loved well and delighted to honor.—*Montreal Gazette, Oct. 2d.*

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