

speaks volumes on the subject. But we may be told that King's College, Toronto, and McGill College, Montreal, are to be schools of the prophets. This, however, has been the story for many years; and it seems a very slender thread on which to risk the future supply for our churches.^(e)

Such I conceive to be a true, though afflictive picture of our wants and of our weakness. And, as a sense of what they want is absolutely necessary before those unaccustomed to exertion can be induced to make the exertion necessary for obtaining what is wanted, I have considered it my duty, (since no one more able has undertaken the office,) thus plainly to set before you, my Rt. Rev. Father, and you, my Rev. Brethren, what none can deny to be our wants; what none can doubt to be the weak points in the walls of our Zion; and humbly, though earnestly, would ask, "are things to continue in this state?" If so, we are only laboring that others may reap the fruits of our labors. We are, perhaps, building temples, in which the Virgin Mary and the holy calendar of saints may one day be invoked. To supply our wants, and to relieve us from our difficulties, we *must* no longer depend upon the favor of government, or trust much to the property we now hold^(f) or probably we will find them both but as broken reeds in the day of need. No! for the opening of new missions—for the support of old established parishes—for the maintenance of our Diocesan—for the establishment and support of Societies for circulating the scriptures, &c., and for endowing and supporting colleges for the education of our candidates for the ministry, we must depend, *chiefly*, under God, upon *our people*, and our own exertions. When we have done our utmost, we may look for assistance to the land whence we came, and I feel assured that we shall not look in vain. But let us not look there, burdened as our friends are, till we have adopted every means and used every exertion within our power. Then we can go, if necessary, with the sweet consciousness of having exerted ourselves to the utmost, and without the dread of being reminded of the waggoner, praying to Hercules, before he had put his shoulder to the wheel.

The next point to which I would humbly beg the attention of my Rt. Rev. Father and my Rev. Brethren, is one delicate, indeed, and needing a more skilful hand than mine; but, as none other has yet been put forward, and as I conceive that no time should be lost in calling to it the most serious attention, I approach it, though I do so with reluctance. This is an age proverbial for irregularity and disregard for all constituted authority; an era, when old-established

(e.) Both these colleges were under the control of the church in 1836; but that control has been entirely lost since.

(f.) "The Clergy Reserves," to which especially we looked for the support and increase of our clergy, were secularized in 1854.