

source whence they have themselves derived so much. The children must repay those who have been their educational fathers by enlarging and perpetuating to future times, the means of liberal education. Already we look to our graduates for aid, both directly and in stimulating and collecting the contributions of others, and I am persuaded that we shall not look in vain.

Hitherto, our Canadian Universities have been like the seed which puts forth from its own substance roots and tender leaves. Before they can be truly flourishing, they must draw nourishment from the soil itself and root themselves firmly in its bosom. I shall not feel that our work here has realised its full results, until I see endowments and benefactions flowing in from our own graduates. Then we may believe that we are truly rooted in the soil. Then we may expect to go on to the blossom and the fruit of mature growth. Then we shall see the good seed, sown by the generous friends and benefactors of this University, producing, not merely boughs and leaves, but the ripened fruits of academical learning, holding forth still richer benefits to succeeding generations of students.

Finally those who manage the affairs of this University, are not so unwise as to expect that we shall at once be enabled to attain to all the objects above indicated. Some of these, however, are very urgent, and progress however slow, would inspire hope. We are becoming old under difficulties which cramp our usefulness. Young men who should have enjoyed the benefits of a liberal education, are yearly growing up to manhood without this inestimable blessing. The loss sustained in this way cannot be repaired, and even in individual cases may be of incalculable importance to the country. We would therefore ask of the friends of education, an early consideration of this matter. On our part we shall at all times be ready to place at their disposal, all information which they may require, and cordially to co-operate in all arrangements which may tend to the security and permanent utility of their benefactions and endowments.