

We may surely expect that the Church will look favourably upon the object here proposed; and that we shall have among us many like Mr. Hall, who, in the final disposition of their property, will remember a department of the Church's work, which, at present, is sadly hampered through inadequate support; and many who, during their life time, will not be unwilling to devote a portion of their means to an end so important—so intimately connected with the prosperity and growth of our Church—as the strengthening of our Theological Colleges. We would appeal on behalf of our "Schools of the Prophets," to those who can come to their assistance. Whatever opinion may be entertained as to the desirableness of *complete* endowment, it can hardly be matter of debate, that endowment to such extent as to make the annual collections an adequate supplement of revenue, is greatly to be wished. Were this obtained the Church would be free, as she is not now, to throw her strength into the missionary enterprise. There is little danger indeed that the constant spontaneous liberality of our people would not still have channels sufficiently large and numerous in which to flow. Is there not a loud call addressed to us to attempt work on behalf of the heathen world, on a scale far transcending anything that we have yet thought of?

From a variety of circumstances, a general canvass of the Church for College Endowment could not well be undertaken at present, nor for some time to come: we are not sure, indeed, that the method of a general canvass of families, such as has been made in connection with the building of the Colleges, would in any case be desirable in connection with endowment. Should the more wealthy and liberal members of our Church entertain this subject according to its importance, a house-to-house canvass among the hundreds of our congregations would never be required. In no very lengthened period, by gifts and bequests, as above indicated, sufficient endowment might be accumulated;—sufficient, that is, to relieve the present annual pressure and distress, and to enable the Church to equip the Colleges in a way of much greater completeness. For let it be borne in mind, that the endowment of Professorships is not all that the Colleges need; the system of Scholarships in connection with our theological classes and with the University course of theological students, might, with great advantage, be more fully developed; and the libraries of the Colleges, to make them anything like what such libraries ought to be, would require large appropriations from year to year, which as things are, cannot be made.

To conclude: our Church has not hitherto neglected the training of her ministry, but in the times of Colonial infancy and feebleness, has made exertions which God has been pleased greatly to bless—exertions without which she could never have had the place in the land, which she has to-day; let it not have to be said, that we, to whom greater means are being entrusted, have lost the wide views, the generous impulses, the wise liberality, springing from love to Christ, and from confidence in the truth given us to maintain, which so distinguished the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in its earliest history.