

system, which we wish rather than hope to see established here. Mr. Morris has made one step in the right direction. From his energy and perseverance there is little doubt that he will follow up what he has begun; but a partial and sectional system, however valuable for one part of the Province, can never prove satisfactory. It is surely not too much to ask one of the Lower Canada members to institute a similar inquiry, although we can scarcely see why the investigation could not be carried on for both parts of the Province simultaneously.



Our last, in speaking of the lessons to be derived from the SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT, we said "Many of the Congregations which contribute most are not those possessing great wealth." The Congregation of Spencerville, in the Presbytery of Ottawa, is a striking proof of this, and we mention it, as one instance is often of more effect than pages of general argument. Last month the laying of the foundation stone of a new church at Spencerville was recorded, and a short statement was given of the progress made in a very short time of a Congregation which has not been yet in existence for two years. It is by no means a wealthy congregation, and any one who should have prophesied, when Mr. Mullan was called to the pastoral charge of a flock yet to be gathered together, that in the short space of time which has elapsed, the foundation of one church would be laid and a considerable portion of the stone and lime collected for another, would have been laughed at. Yet so it is. The church at Spencerville is being rapidly advanced, a good stone building which people expect to put up without assistance from others. When Mr. Mullan was called, there was no place of worship belonging to our Church in that neighbourhood. The people met, and still meet, in the Town Hall in the morning, and in the afternoon in a log building eight miles east of the village. Amidst great discouragements, without wealth, with a series of bad crops, they have advanced steadily, because their heart was in the work, and they have gone on systematically. Such an example is one that should stimulate other and richer congregations to be up and doing. There are many parts of our land into which we should enter and take possession: our strength here is not expended as it

ought to be, and when we have before us such examples as the one before us and others which we have before spoken of, and others still of which we have heard but have not obtained sufficient information to call attention to, why should we be discouraged? In making this great local effort, too, the people of Spencerville and its neighbourhood have not confined themselves selfishly to their own wants, but have extended their thoughts beyond their own neighbourhood. If the subscriptions to the various Schemes of the Church are examined, it will be found that they have given *at least* their fair share, as compared with others, for the advancement of Christ's cause, confirming in a most remarkable manner what has been so often observed, that the greater effort Christians make in one direction, the greater they appear to be able to make in every other. No congregation knows of what it is capable until it tries; and we would heartily commend to the Church at large the noble example set by the newly organised chapel at Spencerville. We need not say anything of the share Mr. Mullan has had in producing such a state of feeling as it has exhibited. The result of the labours are the best commentary upon his efforts; and where such fruits have been produced, it is evident that the husbandman has not been idle or unmindful. What a change might be effected over the length and breadth of the land were all our adherents to shew a similar disposition, and depending upon the help of the Lord, to endeavour to carry on His work faithfully and earnestly, having made up their minds to do all that in them lies for the success of His cause.



MORRIN College, one of the institutions connected with our Church, commences its winter session with every prospect of success. It cannot, as yet, point to a long list of men who have distinguished themselves in the service of their country, as it is but in its infancy; but with the Reverend Dr. Cook as its Principal, and presenting the course marked out for the students, a course which not only looks well on paper but which will be faithfully exacted in practice, it gives us the assurance of being a valuable means of preparing for their career in life our future ministers and professional men, and of educating liberally those