

scholarship and skill. She needs therefore always to have within her ranks an adequate supply of highly cultivated men, men fully conversant with the latest teachings of science, the latest speculations in philosophy, the latest researches in Biblical criticism, in fact the last word of all new learning. This implies the perpetual maintenance and control of Christian schools and universities. Not poverty-stricken and feeble universities, but universities munificently endowed, and thoroughly equipped. All our Canadian universities are as yet comparatively poor. They are doubtless doing good work, so far as they go; but they could do much more and make college life more attractive and useful, if they had more ample means. Columbia College, one of the oldest and richest in America, sent out a proclamation the other day that she was just now in need of the trifling sum of four millions of dollars! If we were to speak in that manner for Victoria we should make our great Methodist Church open her eyes with wonderment, and in fact some opening of her eyes would do her no harm. For while she sees clearly the value of Christian missions, and other evangelical enterprises, she has a very dim and imperfect apprehension of the worth of her universities and their financial necessities.

I am disposed to draw a line of compromise between our wants and our hopes, and to say just now that Victoria University needs at present to have about half a million of dollars, or some thirty thousand dollars a year. This would be rather more than double what she has already. The University of Queen's College, as I learn from Principal Grant, has now an income of nearly twenty-five thousand dollars per annum, and University College, of Toronto, an income of some seventy thousand dollars, and her learned President has lately told the public that University College is too poor to have a Chair of Political Economy, especially a chair strong enough to keep a just balance between Chancellor Blake and Sir John Macdonald. President McCosh having added several millions of dollars to the property of Princeton College, now declares the institution to be "in a crisis," for the lack of two hundred thousand dollars more, for the department of philosophy alone. So our friends will see how modest, and almost humiliating is our call for fifteen or twenty thousand dollars additional income.