

I may be allowed to allude to one other building which has come into use within the last two years. Its origin is unique, being the gift of the City of Kingston as a municipality. Other buildings within the college park owe their existence to private beneficence, but the funds in this instance were granted by public vote of the whole people of Kingston. The vote was given with substantial unanimity, a majority coming from every ward in the city. What higher testimony could be proffered to Queen's? What better evidence that her teaching has always been carried on without any tinge of sectarianism? This building must itself be regarded as convincing testimony to the broad catholicity of Queen's. Equally it bears testimony to the intelligence and character of the citizens among whom so many students find homes. No other city in Canada has such a record. Kingston is probably the first municipality within the Empire to erect a University building.

I have touched on two instances only of the virility and powerful influence of Queen's, but they indicate among other things the esteem in which she is held by those who know her best, and should go a long way to satisfy the people of Canada at a distance as to the character and value of the work done and the position held by Queen's in the life of this young nation.

Nearly all European Universities owe their parentage to the Church. Queen's owes its origin to the Presbyterian Church in Canada, which to-day is represented by the General Assembly. For years Queen's has received but little countenance from the Assembly. She has had to work her own way, but the struggle has developed her powers and proportions. If the mother until recently had almost forgotten her offspring, there is now a happy re-union, and the child is again enthroned in the affections of the parent. The General Assembly on behalf of the now undivided Church has spontaneously given its complete approval of Queen's. It has recognized that the trust imposed by the early Presbyterian pioneers has been faithfully administered by her, and that the spirit of the founders has been transmitted to her alumni. It recognizes with satisfaction the extent and character of the work done and the high importance of the University. It evinces entire confidence in the organization of Queen's, desires no change, and suggests only that larger control be given to the graduates. It sees that a larger revenue is required, recommends the initiation of a movement to obtain it, appoints a strong committee for that purpose, and heartily commends the object of the movement to the liberality of the members of the Church, and to the cordial sympathy and support of Presbyteries and congregations. In a word, the Assembly representing the progenitors of the University seeks only to remain her greatest benefactor and share more directly in her aims.

I have in these few words set forth the incalculable good which has resulted from the public-spirited efforts of our Presbyterian forefathers in the first half of the last century. I have pointed out what Queen's is doing and alluded to the spirit bequeathed to her. The General Assembly is the heir of the founders of Queen's, and the University with profound gratitude and thankfulness welcomes the overtures which the Assembly has recently placed on record.

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