

clear to supplement in the near future the grants for elementary schools. But a second and undeveloped source of additional aid for our elementary schools is that of private benefactions. There is no more useful way in which men of wealth can use their means than in securing for the Protestant minority in this Province an efficient system of elementary schools. The machinery is all ready to hand for the efficient administration of such funds. The Protestant Committee is a body corporate under the law, specially empowered to administer money and bequests for educational purposes. With a revenue of \$20,000 a year to be administered in this way in the interests of elementary education, the Protestant Committee could establish within a few years a system of elementary schools that would be a credit to any province. He who aids by his means the work of Superior Education does a noble work, for he contributes directly to the interests of a few ; but he who aids the work of our elementary schools does a nobler work, as he renders efficient the colleges of the people, and contributes directly to the educational interests of the many.

I believe that when this matter is pressed home upon the attention of wealthy citizens in the right way that they will come to the relief of our elementary schools, and secure thereby great benefits for the people and great honor to themselves.