

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.

### **Editorial Notes and Comments.**

The narrow view seldom or ever leads to the permanently beneficial; and yet how often men are to be found flocking round it as a rallying point. The teacher of one method is all but as inefficient as the teacher who has no method, and the educationist of but one idea generally lives long enough to see the decay of the movement he has inaugurated. The idea of a universal language is an example of this, and the non-success of the Volapuk fad is an illustration of the fate of such ill-digested ideas. The prominent notion about the introduction of a language medium for all nations was the commercial. An interest, it is true, is still taken in the fad, and some commercial houses have tried to make use of it in their business transactions; but the enthusiasts who rushed in thousands round it, as the rallying point of all nations, are now nowhere to be found. The problem which the inventor of Volapuk thought to solve has been solved by the centuries. The man who knows French and English needs no Volapuk to make himself understood anywhere among the nations; and hence it