

popular culture by the provision of skilled and educated teachers, and by that reflex influence which an educated class necessarily exercises on the whole community. A more fitting and accurate analogy would be with the mutual relations of the leaves and roots of a tree or that old apostolic one of the mutual relations of the head and members of the body, all knit together by mutual interest and each contributing its part to the life and growth of the whole.

The appreciation of this great principle is testified not only in the mother country but in all the colonies that she has sent forth. The foundation of the two great New England colleges of Harvard and Yale dates from the beginning of those colonies, at a time when they were passing through a hard and desperate struggle for existence. The bequest of John Harvard, a minister of Charlestown, in 1638, is believed not to have exceeded eight hundred pounds, if it amounted to so much, with 260 volumes of books, and it could be supplemented only by a smaller one from the State, and by gifts, some so small as a few shillings, from the poor immigrants then almost houseless and nearly penniless. Yet that was the beginning of the educational and scientific greatness of New England. All the later colonies in turn, and eminently those in the great island continents of the South which were unknown in the time of John Harvard, have emulated the example of Massachusetts, some of them on a magnificent scale. Harvard, like the old colleges of Europe, began its life as an institution mainly theological, but like them it has steadily developed in the direction of professional and scientific training, and most of the newer colleges and universities have been professional as well as general schools from the first.

PROFESSIONAL FACULTIES OF M'GILL.

McGill University has, I need not say, adhered to the traditional policy of the older universities. Its medical faculty took the lead, and, as the Montreal School of Medicine, preceded the organization of the other faculties. From the first its staff of professors and hospital facilities made it the principal school of medicine in Canada, and it has kept this leading place ever since. With us it was followed by the faculties of arts, law and applied