

greater sympathy with the various seats of learning in our land. Throughout the whole land, both in country districts and in cities and towns, there is too much indifference to our colleges and universities, and this indifference is largely the result of ignorance not only of their nature but often even of their very existence. If the attention of the people were directed more to our colleges, and a thorough and accurate knowledge of these seats of higher education more generally disseminated, it is certain that more of our young men and young women would find their way to them. Thus again we see that the tendency of these debates is to promote higher education even though indirectly.

Then with respect to the colleges themselves what is the tendency? It is well known that the communications necessary for the arrangement and carrying out of the debate make the students of each college better acquainted with those of the other, and thus a stronger feeling of friendship springs up between them. The fact that they are contending in debate need not arouse any antagonism, so long as both parties conduct themselves as gentlemen. In support of this position we may cite the debate that was recently held here between two representatives of Knox College and two of our own men. Undoubtedly both colleges are the better that debate. We understand one

another better, are drawn nearer to one another, and have a greater degree of fellow-feeling for one another than ever before.

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In Since our last issue college
Memoriam. circles have been called to
mourn the removal by death
of Peter Redpath, Esq., and the Rev.
Dr. Douglass, Principal of the Wesleyan
College, Montreal.

Mr. Redpath was a native of this city, and for many years a consistent member and deacon of the "Free Church," Coté street. He was one of the chief benefactors of McGill University, and a generous contributor to the support and equipment of this college.

His principal gifts to the University were the magnificent Museum and Library buildings which bear his name and the endowment of a chair in the Faculty of Arts. Some years ago he purchased the Manor House, Chislehurst, England, and devoted himself to the study of law and was in due course admitted to the bar as a barrister of the Middle Temple, London.

Principal MacVicar, speaking at the memorial funeral service held in the Library here, characterized him as a man of excellent ability, cultivated taste, generous heart, and sterling integrity. His wisdom in freely distributing in his lifetime a generous proportion of his large resources for educational, benevolent