

## CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS.

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Reviewing the foregoing letters for publication in their present form, the writer notices that he has frequently glided off from the style of argument, to that of practical appeal in behalf of the Institution whose claims he felt it a duty to advocate. In the commencement of the series, the hope is expressed that the controversy on the University Question, might awaken attention to the "paramount importance of Superior Education in its relation to the progress and permanency of Wesleyan Methodism." It is questioned "whether the subject of University Education had received that degree of attention to which it is entitled." It is but fair that the confession now be made, that until this controversy arose, the writer had not himself given that attention to the claims and position of Victoria College which they undoubtedly deserve. But as he proceeded in the investigation of the subject, and called up past history and latent convictions, he became stirred within him, and felt resolved to use every endeavour henceforth to sustain our Collegiate Institution. Most likely it was this feeling, which, without any premeditated design, contributed to give a tone of appeal to many paragraphs in these letters. Now that they have quietly and without hurry passed through the press, it will be seen that those passages remain unchanged. Why? because a deeper conviction exists as to the duty of the Church in respect to the support of Victoria College, and so far from modifying any phrase, it is necessary