

hobby-horses. "For \$8,000 or \$10,000," said Professor Harris, "and with a yearly outlay of about \$1,000, you can get all the apparatus necessary, if you have the right man."

Other advantages claimed for Federation, other statements made respecting our inability to give instruction in all the subjects belonging to a full undergraduate course will be found as visionary and as erroneous as those which have been to-night examined. In view of these facts, it becomes us to pause and consider whether we effect a saving and better ourselves educationally by accepting Federation, which involves the loss of our charter and the limitation of our work; or whether by maintaining our own autonomy, independent of state influence, we shall not, at a less cost, be able to do more effective work and accommodate ourselves in educational methods, more to the needs of the Church and the Country.

If our Alma Mater, in which we are so deeply interested, to which we confess ourselves indebted, has not been as successful in the past as some would allege, which I utterly deny, let us seek for the true causes of this want of success, and do our duty by removing them. Let us build up our University into what it ought to be, rather than relinquish the successes already achieved and destroy our independence by venturing upon an untried educational policy, which at the very beginning will, as has been shown, cost us more than to maintain Victoria in independence, and to make her thoroughly efficient.