

improvement in the existing state of affairs in which Trinity is being daily further and further distanced in the race for educational distinction. With all her prestige, her culture, and her zeal, the Church of England in Ontario is yet in danger of occupying a subordinate position in affairs of education, if she persistently cuts herself off from its main stream. They, therefore, think it an opportune time and a reasonable course of action, to request the authorities of Trinity University, to take into serious consideration the present position and prospects of the University, and once more to ask themselves whether it would not be advisable to re-open the question of Federation with Toronto University.

Before proceeding to enumerate the manifold advantages attendant upon federation, I think this is the right place to say a word or two upon the question of its relation to our affiliated Colleges. So far as St. Hilda's College is concerned, it would be as materially benefitted by the change as Trinity. Trinity College School, and the Bishop Strachan School would not be affected by the change. The case of Trinity Medical College, of the Women's Medical College and of the Conservatory of Music is different, and presents considerable difficulty. I do not know exactly what effect federation would have upon their interests. It might be detrimental to them or it might not. But whilst due regard should be given them, if it should appear that federation will promote the true functions of Trinity, its accomplishment must not be hindered by the consideration of its possibly detrimental results to those Colleges. For it is to be carefully borne in mind that they contribute nothing to the promotion of Trinity's fundamental objects, however much by their numbers they may add to her prestige, and by their fees to her exchequer. "We desire," said Bishop Strachan, "a University which, fed by the heavenly stream of pure religion, may communicate fuel to the lamp of genius and enable it to burn with a brighter and purer flame. Thus the arts and sciences, with all that adds real embellishment to life, will be studied with more perseverance and order for moral ends; and the faculties under such training will become so pure and unclouded, that perception will be infinitely more vivid, and rise to far greater elevation. \* \* \* \* For this reason we shall have in our University daily habitual worship, that we may possess a conscious feeling of the Divine presence." Again he maintained that the Church's University must comprise an entire system of education

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