

University truly national, as the University of the whole people ; and place it more directly under the religious influence of the Churches which would form its constituency. This could not fail to elevate its spirit and life. (5) It would introduce a healthy competition between the Arts Colleges connected with the central University, which would give a new impulse to the different departments of College work. I have never believed that all the teaching of the country in University studies should be done in one College. Competing Colleges are a very different thing from competing Universities.

If it be objected that these benefits relate to the country in general, and should not influence us as a Church, I reply : If the policy of the opponents of University Federation is such as to prevent them feeling a patriotic, practical interest in the improvement of the Higher Education of the country, then it is certain that such a policy is too narrow and unpatriotic to be the educational policy of the Methodist people. As an important part of the people of this Province, the Provincial University belongs as much to the Methodists as to any others. We should rise above prejudice, and look at the question from a liberal and patriotic stand-point. It is possible for appeals to sectional and denominational feeling to degenerate into an unreasonable sectarianism. Let us guard against this mistake.

REASONS WHY METHODISTS SHOULD ACCEPT FEDERATION.

In addition to the general advantages which I have mentioned, there are weighty special reasons why Methodists should accept this proposed Federation, and co-operate heartily in making it a success. I shall briefly name some of these reasons.

1. *The proposed arrangement fully provides for all the objects which our Methodist fathers had in view in establishing and maintaining Victoria College.* This was unanswerably shown by President Nelles and Prof. Burwash, at the meeting of the Board in January. The object of maintaining a denominational College was for the education of our youth in the different branches of sound learning, and of exercising Christian guardianship over their moral and religious well-being.

No one will pretend that the proposed Federation does not make ample provision for the education of students in the different branches of Science and Literature. The moral and religious side is equally well guarded. As Methodists we have justified ourselves in maintaining a separate denominational University—not because we held it to be the duty of the Church to teach all secular learning, but,