

Province (except University College) is a glaring mistake. It is now ten years since Queen's was under the control of the church of Scotland. Her professors are not confined to the Presbyterian church, a very small majority of her graduates are of that denomination, and her present students, though largely Presbyterian, include all denominations. It has often been remarked that the chief officers of the Alma Mater Society and of this paper, were generally of other denominations. These undoubted facts go to show, we think, that those who delight to call a University "denominational"—implying by that "narrow"—are mistaken, when they apply the term to Queen's.

It being the fact then as we hold, that Queen's University is undenominational, we wish in this article to point out a rule which is inconsistent with the fact, and we think contrary to the spirit of the institution, that is, the rule requiring members of the Board of Trustees to be members of the Presbyterian church. Some of Queen's best graduates and most devoted admirers, are Episcopalians, and what good object is served by debarring them from taking a share of the government of the University. Let the Faculty of Theology be committed to the care of a special board of Presbyterians, if such be advisable, but in all conscience if the University is undenominational, let there be nothing in her statutes which would seem to show that she is not. We humbly commend these matters to the consideration of the authorities.

THERE are no new developments in the last phase of the confederation question. The elaborate and ornamented scheme concocted under the supervision of the minister having been suddenly shot out at the startled public, was vigorously discussed for a time in the public and educational press but with discussion its magnificence seemed

to wane, and what will be its ultimate result is only a matter of conjecture. Whether the energies of the framers of the scheme were bent with a true desire to tempt higher education in the Province, or whether it is a politic move by those interested parties to afford a means of tapping the public treasury, is not of much moment to Queen's men, although some utterances by a Professor in University College, given with the decision of a man who appears to know what he is talking about, would seem to show that the latter alternative is far within possibility. This gentleman says Queens was not considered by the framers of the scheme, on account of her approval being considered out of the question. If we couple this fact with the almost antagonistic position of Trinity, as shown by the resolution of her governors, and the fact, on the other hand, that the President of Victoria expressed himself entirely and enthusiastically in favor of the plan as a whole, it would seem that the scheme is the product of the heads of University and Victoria colleges alone. "How much must we give," says Mr. Mulock, "in order to get the Methodists on our side?" "How much can we give," says President Nelles, "that we may share in the loaves and fishes? For go to Toronto we must." No wonder the *Varsity* (University College) says the scheme savours of compromise. Whether the deep laid plans of the head colleges will have the result they desire, is a matter for the future to decide. One thing is certain, Queens will remain as and where she is, as some in high circles seemed to have opined, even before Mr. Ross's conference ever met. Another thing is tolerably certain, that if two or more colleges combine, as from geographical and other reasons, they seem disposed to do, the public funds will not be dipped into for their benefit alone. If Queen's has done, is doing and can do, as good work as any college or