

Seminary system by which the priesthood are educated apart from the laity.

I would say, further, that some acquaintance with the Classics and the other subjects of a good school education, is an indispensable preliminary to the due training of Divinity Students. Of course there are exceptions, but I am speaking of what is, or ought to be the rule. Great exceptional gifts may make amends for defects in education, but it is not seemly that the Queen of Sciences should be considered to demand less preparation than any other. If it be said that we are obliged to admit men of inferior powers and attainments, because men of a higher stamp are reluctant to enter a profession in which they can see no prospect of a decent maintenance, then it becomes one of the first duties of the members of the church to roll off that reproach from her. As the priest is, so is the people. As he rises, so do they. As he becomes degraded, so do they also. If *he* lacks learning and independence, the loss is chiefly *theirs* to whom he ministers. But it is understood, however, that I am speaking with regard to the Future rather than to the Past, for hitherto Divinity Students have been amongst the flower of our youth. It is impossible now to do more than allude to this difficulty, but I felt that, in view of one of the great purposes of the college and my own special work, I ought not to leave it altogether unnoticed in this address.

In attempting to adjust the relative claims of the subjects of University education, I am aware that it is not an abstract question, and that it cannot be settled without reference to the character and needs of the country. Those in charge of Higher Education, have, as I said, a double aim before them. Bearing the needs of the country in mind, it becomes obvious that not only is it necessary to maintain the present chairs of Practical Science in King's College, but it is advisable, if possible, to establish a chair of Agricultural Chemistry in addition to them. Nearly 70 acres of land would be immediately available for experimental purposes, and concurrently with the pursuit of Agricultural Chemistry, the problem would be solved how best to keep in order and utilize our college grounds.

In the recent discussions upon higher education the absolute necessity of providing good secondary schools throughout the Province has been almost entirely ignored. The only exception, so far as I know, is to be found in a letter signed Academicus in the *Morning*