

for Ontario. University consolidation is another matter, though people often mix up the two questions rather ludicrously, and speak as if the consolidation of Universities would diminish the expense of teaching in the colleges. Everyone now admits that Ontario not only has, but that it needs, several colleges, all of them in need of increased funds, and some of them doing their best to meet their necessities without putting their hands into their neighbours' pockets. I would have supposed that the representative of the one whose friends have hardly yet been appealed to, would have faced the difficulty before him in one of two ways, (1) either by calling upon the Province to help, according to a wisely considered plan that would stimulate voluntary effort, every properly equipped institution that is admittedly doing good work for the Province; or (2) by calling upon the wealthy people of Toronto and its neighborhood, and the graduates and friends of University College, to put their hands into their own pockets. This latter and, perhaps more excellent way is the one favored by Dr. Wilson, President of University College, whose repeated words of brotherly recognition I cordially accept and reciprocate. He is a wise man and knows the Province well, and he did his duty in giving public warning that a proposal to assist one college with public moneys would arouse a not unreasonable opposition on the part of all the others. It would be a public calamity were the present friendly relations between institutions that have a common and glorious aim disturbed. But we would be destitute of self-respect did we not untedly and determinedly oppose a scheme that not only implies our own spoliation, but that is based on the idea that we are somehow pledged to the aggrandizement of Toronto, rather than to the well-being of our own Alma Mater. I would subscribe willingly, as liberally as my means permit, to any fund for improving the condition of University College. But men who would give \$100 as a gift, will resolutely refuse a cent when it is demanded as a right. On this subject it is unnecessary to enlarge at present, but I have no wish to conceal that the words which I have just uttered express not only my sentiments but the sentiments of the heads, and so far as I know, of the benefactors, of this and other colleges. And perhaps I may be permitted as a friend of University College, for I claim to be such though they may regard this as unpalatable counsel, to hint, that what it most needs is not government interference, patronage or subsidies, but the chivalrous, self-sacrificing support of its own children, "the deeds, not words," of those who most loudly assert its claims.

2. ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY IN NOVEMBER, WHEN THE THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT OPENS.

In my address on "University Day" I referred briefly to Legislative assistance to higher education in Ontario, and as this is the first public opportunity afforded me of reviewing what has since been said on the subject I may be pardoned for referring to it again before I speak directly to the students of the Theological Faculty. The press, so far as it has touched the subject has, I think in the main, endorsed the position that in the present circumstances of the Province only two courses are open. The State may aid every well equipped college that is admittedly doing good work, work that the Province would have to do if it was not done already; or the various Colleges must appeal to the public generally, and their friends in particular, for the additional funds they may require from time to time. No third course is possible.

I desire to thank heartily the writers who have done me the honor of criticizing my address for their general courtesy of tone and desire to get at facts and principles. Controversy ceases to be barren and bitter when men recognize that their opponents are gentlemen. I for one would not have spoken on this subject at all had I not felt that University College in chasing a shadow was in danger of losing the substance, and that even the gain of a paltry grant would cost the country dear if it led to

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