

Methodist students who take a part of their course from the University Professoriate would be under the religious care of Victoria College. The existence of Arts Colleges in connection with the University is also necessary to secure that healthy competition in teaching, for which we have always contended. We believe in one University, but not in only one Arts College. Those who assert that Victoria in Toronto must become a mere theological school are inconsistent with themselves, and certainly not complimentary to Victoria. They assume that we can sustain a first-class University, that shall successfully compete in all departments with the amply-endowed State University; but that we cannot efficiently maintain a College, teaching only a part of this work! On the contrary, I have full faith in Victoria, that she will hold her own in the literary work she undertakes. If University College has a larger teaching staff, because it has more students, that need not concern Victoria, as long as she has Professors who teach what they undertake thoroughly and successfully. I am fully convinced that the new Victoria in Toronto would retain all the students who would go to Cobourg; and, in addition, that a large proportion of such Methodist students as now go to Toronto, would prefer to take their College course, in whole or in part, at Victoria, if they could, at the same time, have the privilege in the University Professoriate of studying such branches as they might desire, and secure the advantage of a degree from the National University. This is what may be reasonably expected. Hence, if efficiently maintained, Victoria's future will be brighter than her past. No one is being "entrapped." All parties concerned have acted in good faith. The plan has not been devised by University College people. A Toronto graduate, a member of the Senate, said to me recently: "I would regard it as a calamity, if Victoria should fail as an Arts College; for I have long felt that University College needed some competition."

*Objection.*—Our graduates will be dishonored by Victoria ceasing to exercise University powers, and, therefore, they should oppose Federation.

*Answer.*—The facts are against this conclusion. All graduates and undergraduates of Victoria and Albert shall have the same standing as those of Toronto University, by the Act of the Legislature. By the change of the name to the "University of Ontario," the graduates of Toronto University give up as much as those of Victoria. There is no absorption. There is no degradation to any one. We have been met in a fair and generous spirit. If the graduates of Albert Univer-