

than to publish local gossip. On all grounds I feel the value of the suggestion of Free Press news within the limits of the Empire, and devoutly hope the scheme may be realised in no distant future."

Principal MacLaren, Knox College, Toronto :—

"I am glad to find myself largely in accord with the views set forth in your letter. The Imperial question is forcing itself on the attention of all thoughtful subjects of the British Crown. Not very long ago the attempt to unite more closely by political bonds the scattered portions of the British Empire seemed scarcely within the range of practical statesmanship. But the modern applications of steam and electricity are drawing the distant parts of the earth so closely together that what was formerly impracticable seems daily to grow more feasible. In matters of this kind, however, it is especially necessary not to outrun public opinion. To bring all parts of the Empire into intelligent and sympathetic touch with each other should certainly be the first step towards closer political relations, and your proposal for an Imperial Intelligence Department and a Free Press Cable Service seems eminently fitted to prepare the way for those closer political relations to which we should look."

Monsignor O. E. Mathieu, C.M.G., Rector of Laval University, Quebec :—

"Allow me to offer you my most sincere congratulations on the right ideas you express in regard to the prudence required in dealing with an enlightenment of public opinion, especially when we consider the state of ignorance which exists throughout our vast Empire concerning each of its different parts. To dispel this ignorance is an excellent work."

Principal Patrick, of Manitoba College, Winnipeg :—

"I am a profound believer in the unity of the Empire, and I desire to further that unity in all possible ways, but I am convinced that the people of the Empire are not ripe even for the formation of an Imperial Council, and that anything in the shape of a constitution interfering with the free action of the different nationalities would do harm rather than good. The constitution of the Empire must be a growth, arising out of the needs and interests of the times. It will come naturally, so to speak, when the people are educated for it. If it is to come soon : if the unity which all desire is to be more than a name and an aspiration ; the dissemination of sound and full information touching the views, habits, products, and needs of the different peoples will be of essential service. Hence I look with the greatest favour on the suggestion of an Imperial Intelligence Department, believing that such a department wisely officered and administered would do much to unite the different portions of the Empire by furnishing them with the truths and facts which would form the basis for common conclusions and common action. To the forces thus generated I attach a higher value than to anything which may be advised in the shape of an experimental constitution."

The late Principal Sheraton, Wycliffe College, Toronto :—

"Imperial unity, however, must be a growth. Whatever form it takes, it must be the expression of the inner life and conviction of the country. You