

There are twelve churches in the city, representing the usual phases of religious belief. The buildings are mostly substantial stone structures, a number of them being models of elegance, ornaments to the city, and finished after the most approved styles of church architecture. There are besides, societies of Christadelphians, Disciples and Plymouth Brethren.

In her school facilities, Guelph has every reason to congratulate herself on the excellent advantages provided, through the wisdom and liberality of her citizens, for the thorough education of her youth. The school buildings, which are among the finest of the city, comprise a high school, central school, and four primary schools, all substantial stone buildings, fitted up with all modern improvements, thoroughly officered with an efficient corps of teachers, and liberally patronized. There is also a Roman Catholic separate school, the Loretto Convent, and several select schools.

The Mechanics' Institute, located in the May's Block, Upper Wyndham street, should also be noted in this connection. The Institute was incorporated in July, 1853, and has a library of between 3,000 and 4,000 volumes. In connection with the library is a commodious and comfortable reading room, supplied with the leading periodicals; also recreation rooms. A winter course of lectures is sustained, and evening classes which are well attended.

The Young Men's Christian Association, on Upper Wyndham street, also sustain free reading and recreation rooms, and a small library for the use of the members.

The manufacturing industries of the city are of an extensive character, a source of wealth and prosperity to its inhabitants, and in some branches rank among the first in the Dominion. Prominent among them may be mentioned Raymond's Sewing Machine Works, employing 200 hands, the Bell Organ Works, employing 100 hands, the facilities of which will be doubled on the completion of their new building now being constructed, the woolen mills of McCrae & Co., employing 175 hands, the Rainer Piano Works, employing 40 hands, Gowdy's Agricultural Works, employing from 50 to 60 hands, Guelph Carpet Factory, employing 35 hands, Silver Creek Brewery, employing 25