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UNIVERSITY CONSOLIDATION.

By W. E. Maclellan, LL.D., in the Halifax Morning Chronicle.

There need be little, if any, doubt that the solution of the College Union problem, about to be submitted to the people of the Atlantic Provinces, will depend on the existing spirit of religious denominationalism as it has always depended in the past.

I am using the phrase "Atlantic Provinces," and not "Maritime Provinces," for two reasons. First, because "Maritime Provinces" has come to have a particular, although not quite accurate, political rather than geographical significance. It is commonly used to denote the three Eastern Provinces of the Dominion; so used, it is defective, because British Columbia is quite as distinctly a Maritime Province of Canada as are they

or any of them. Secondly, I use "Atlantic Provinces" to include Newfoundland in connection with the University question, it being as deeply interested in the right settlement of the question as any of the other Provinces concerned. I use the word "denominationalism," and not "sectarianism," because it seems to denote division without suggesting an improper underlying spirit which I hope, as manifested of old in the form of group self-satisfaction and the contending of those not of one's own group, has died a natural death.

With these possibly necessary and certainly advisable explanations, I repeat that modern denominationalism will be directly on trial in the Uni-

versity issue, and that the outcome of the trial will depend mainly on the character revealed by that denomination. If it comes into open court with clean hands, a judicial mind and a pure heart, seeking not its own but the good of others, there will be no difficulty in effecting an arrangement and a settlement such as the best interests of general education, and therefore of the public, demand.

Much to be Gained.

I wish to point out clearly that apart from tradition and vested material interests, denominationalism has absolutely nothing to fear and much to gain in connection with the proposed College Union. No one religious body is at present less interested in education than another. No denomination is opposed to the extension of secular education as far as possible. All are concerned that, under proper safeguards, the youth of their membership should be given the very best available opportunities and facilities for learning and for the acquisition of knowledge which tends to individual and social betterment. All must and do know that such opportunities and facilities are not being, and cannot be, afforded by the existing Colleges. Therefore, all are, or should be, equally concerned in providing fuller and better opportunities and facilities. All must, and I believe, do know that this can only be done by means of the combination and co-operation of existing institutions.

Between us and the end which we all desire to attain, there exist, except for local, or purely material obstacles, only vague religious doubts or apprehensions. It may as well be frankly stated, because it is a well known fact, that the proposed Union, which alone I am considering, can only be effected by an agreement to establish the consolidated University in the City of Halifax. There is no other satisfactory site available. Dalhousie University has a foundation in this city that it is willing to contribute to the Union, which unmistakably and undeniably weighs down the scale in its favor. A city of some size, with its ordinary equipment and special advantages, is universally recognized as an absolutely necessary adjunct of any effective modern university. The question of College Union is hardly worth discussing seriously apart from the preliminary acceptance of Halifax, with Dalhousie's contributions, as the site of the suggested new University.

No Real Cause for Fear.

This will naturally evoke expressions of alarm from some with regard to the alleged temptations and dangers of city life. That there will be no real cause for fear need scarcely be argued. It is only necessary to remember the situations of practically all the great colleges and universities

of the world, most of them in cities far larger and much more seductive than Halifax, and few, if any, of them better policed, or as morally and religiously, peopled, as this city. Few who have had personal experience of life in the small town as compared with the city will be found contending that the small town is a safer place for youth than the city. Intemperance, or "drinking," as it is popularly called, is the temptation feared more than any other for their sons by most parents. From my own observation I can assure them that there is and has been less "drinking" in Halifax since Prohibition was enacted, in proportion to population, than in any considerable town in the Province that I know of. The law has been and is being as well enforced here as such a law can be. The other temptations to which young folk are susceptible are, so far as I am aware, at least no greater in Halifax than in the present sites of any of the existing Colleges.

The opportunities for each denomination to watch over and safeguard its students would be much better and more effective here, if the proposed plan of Consolidation were adopted, than they can be in present circumstances. Each College, all grouped around a common centre, semi-isolated from the city, would be a place of residence under the immediate special care of chosen representatives of its own denomination. Each would bring with it and retain, if it chose, its own name, its own traditions and its own internal management. During the first two years of their course, it would teach, as well as directly watch over all the interests of its own students regularly registered as its residents. Its students so enrolled would remain as its residents during their whole course, and would be required to attend only classes approved and arranged by representatives of its authorities in the councils of the University.

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