

be found "profitable unto all things." But when University authorities make money for their own institution the be-all and end-all of their speeches, when they declare that the lack of money for it is the root of all evil, when they express the hope that a millenium is coming when forsooth ! Ontario shall have only one University, one Faculty of Medicine,—why not also one Faculty of Science, one Institute of Technology, one Normal School, one Art School, and one factory,—no one is profited, least of all the one University. They are sacrificing the best interests of the country, which demand free development of the human spirit, even more than the development of its material resources, to a theory too small for actual—let alone prospective—conditions, and they are disregarding rights which a generous mind would be prompt to appreciate.

I have always had a high sense of the importance and the possibilities of the University of Toronto. Thirty years ago, in the Province of Nova Scotia, I pointed it out publicly to my friends as a model for us in a small Province to imitate. Twenty-three years ago, in my inaugural address at Queen's, I praised the policy which—when the Province was young, poor, and destitute of secondary schools,—gave all the public land set apart for University purposes to one institution, because that ensured not only a well-equipped University from the outset, but also with regard to others the survival only of the fittest and the certainty that they too would have to attain to a high standard before receiving recognition. It must be confessed, on the other side, that the attitude of some of those who have at times posed as the representatives of the Provincial University has not been attractive. They have proved that a State University may have the defects of a State Church, and thus that instead of being a unifying it may be a disrupting force, and that very drastic changes may be required before an adequate and ideal educational position is reached. But whatever the result or the changes that may be made, let the discussion of the question be dignified, and let us try to reach common ground.

As statesmen deal not with fancies, but with actual conditions, let us ask what is the state of the case, as it appears to the friends of Queen's ?

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