

overflowed upon us from beyond the boundary line, and which has gained nothing by the change of climate, having incorporated new faults all our own, will be much advantaged by an admixture of the language as used at English centres of learning, and can probably only be purified by such contact.

Again, an Oxford man is often a gentleman. The cultured classes in England have through long generations given their best attention to the amenities of life, a thing which we have not had time to do. Why should we not appropriate what we may of the benefit of all this study and practice? In manners we have much to learn, and while we should revolt against any enforced inferiority to the gentlemen class, we have to acknowledge an actual inferiority in this respect. The manners turned out from our schools are simply bad. Manners are no part of the course. Nor do we see in the machinery of promotion on which Mr. Wilson lays stress a very ready way to make things different. We have every respect for the true worth of those who work their own way from humble beginnings, but there is something obtainable from lifelong contact with refined manners and elegant bearing from which these are to some extent shut out, and which is nevertheless an excellent thing in a teacher who, graceful or ungraceful, gracious or ungracious, the children will surely imitate. Other things being equal, that is, supposing teaching capacity, Christian character and a sympathy with the conditions of society here, we prefer for a model to set before the young the inbred gentleman or lady. On the whole, we may say that we have no sympathy with the exclusion of any foreign product which may supply the needs of our people, but we can much better afford to shut out the food and clothing from various lands which Canadians would like to buy than to shut out the learning and culture that are offered to us for the asking. We are constantly gaining the most excellent commodities by the importation of what Mr. Wilson terms foreigners. We gained much when we got Mr. Wilson.

—The *Chronicle*, in referring to the appointment of Dr. Petersen to McGill, which yet may or may not take place, says:—

“The appointment of a Principal to a University like that of McGill College,—the strongest educational institution in the Dominion,—is an event of national importance. In June, 1893, owing to ill-health, and the wish to spend the remaining years of his useful life in special scientific investigations, Sir William Dawson resigned his post in the University. The resignation, with great regret, was accepted by the Board of Governors, and