

omy which ignores the sun, or of an ideal physiology which ignores the existence and functions of the heart.

That ideal is also true which links Acadia with a body of Christian Churches and puts her under their control. The Christian element, in order that it may be maintained in vitality and power, must be safe-guarded and nurtured with all vigilance and care. The natural tendency of educational institutions is to drift into a frigidly speculative and rationalistic spirit, if not to become indifferent to the higher moralities. This tendency shows itself not only in State Institutions, but in those professedly Christian Colleges, whose organization makes of them close corporations, and relates them but remotely to the churches. I could name so-called Baptist institutions upon this continent, of the latter type, which, with the drift of years, have become Christian only in name. It is the churches which are the true conservers of spiritual life and reality; and the more fully and freely the warm blood of the churches can pour itself through the veins of these educational institutions, the more will they be enriched with true spiritual life and power.

Nor are we afraid of the control of the people in a popular assembly. Whatever may be true of others who have had no experience of Congregationalism, this conception is no ghostly apparition in the minds of intelligent Baptists. The Christian commonalty which composes the Baptist churches of these provinces may, in the end of the day, be intrusted with any interest that has to do with the betterment of men and the increase of light and truth. They may be trusted in the management of this University. Mistakes will sometimes be made; ignorance may outvote wisdom for a day; liberty may sometimes be abused; but in the end, the truest measures find acceptance, the people become disciplined by the management of these high concerns, and the University finds behind it a host whose intimate acquaintance with its life, and whose devoted love, are the guarantee not only of permanency, but of expansion and increasing usefulness. We rejoice that the Christian churches of the Baptist denomination own this university, that they control it, that they insist that its professoriate shall be composed of Christian men, that they maintain the right to watch and shape its life, that they stand pledged to its generous support. We would not have it otherwise if we could.

And so I say the first inspiration of which one feels the thrill as he faces the future is the inspiration of a true and noble ideal, which may be proclaimed from the house-tops without qualification or apology, and in the maintaining and perfecting of which no cost of toil or patience should be counted too dear

To be concluded in our next.