

ing clubs. The old Literary Society—elder sister of us all—has a history of which both its own members, the alumni, and the college authorities may well be proud. When we hear of their debates and doings in the old times we feel that verily there were giants in the earth in those days. And the attainments of its present members vouch for the continued efficiency of its training,

The Jackson Society provides a schooling of the first importance to those who intend to enter the ministry of our Church.

As regards the Science Society, I said a moment ago that I scarcely know to which of several factors I should attribute the chief share of the education I received at Cobourg, but if I were compelled to give an answer I must say that I think it would needs be in favor of the development directly and indirectly imparted to me by the V. P. Science Association.

College societies, then, are most useful so long as they are devoted to legitimate objects—objects of which the chief, as I have endeavored to point out, is the development of each man's own individuality, and of his powers of independent thought and action. To these are, of course, to be added cultivation in argument, and the promotion of social intercourse and good-feeling, and the development of friendships among students. These are all good.

But I speak as much to the members of the Science Association as to the members of other societies, when I say that it is an injury to your societies, an injury to yourselves, and an injury to our loved institution, when rivalry between you is permitted to carry you outside of the objects I have mentioned, to override your good feeling and sound judgment, and to hurry you into the field of personal animosity and recrimination. It has been my privilege in the past few years to discuss these things with men from various societies, and I speak not alone from my own experience when I say that you may rest assured of this—Your grounds of difference will, in a very short time after you leave here, appear to you much smaller than they do now, and you will regret nothing more than any estrangement that may, through ill-advised acrimony here,