

and who owe not a little to this College and University also—did early take advantage of our plan to a very full extent; and partly perhaps it is due to that cause and partly also to the well settled and hereditary love of deep learning and higher education, which forms one of the most honourable attributes of the Scottish nation, that a very large proportion of our undergraduates of old days belong to the denomination with which that college is connected.

And latterly, as I have had occasion to congratulate you from this platform, the sound principle has spread. We find to the north of us McMaster Hall, a magnificent theological institution, well-built, admirably manned, and equipped and supplied with all the educational appliances required for its particular purpose, in close relation with the University. Amongst the provisions which are made by its authorities is one to the effect that students of the Baptist denomination who are attending the Arts course of University College shall be permitted to reside in McMaster Hall, so that they recognize the expediency of carrying out that plan, and giving the most absolute safeguards that can be exacted by parents and all those interested in the religious training of the young that they shall be well looked after, both by the circumstance that they are under the same roof with the instructors of the theological students, and by the circumstance that they are intimately associated as fellow-residents with those of their own denomination who are about to be called to minister in their pulpits. Well, besides this, a new relationship has been created between the University and the denominations. One of the oldest of the Arts colleges, which had been in receipt of one of the grants to which I referred, became formally affiliated to this University—St.

Michael's College—one of whose students was a successful candidate for high honours, and has just received a gold medal from this platform; that institution is now formally affiliated. These facts show the adaptability and expansive character of our system. You find an informal but close relation with theological colleges like McMaster Hall and Knox College, and you find an affiliation with an Arts college like St. Michael's. You find the possibility of such further training as they choose to impart being imparted by the College staff, while the students attend our lectures and receive the benefit of the information imparted, the standing obtained, and the competition and association with the large body of the undergraduates of University College. Then Wycliffe College has been established in relations somewhat similar to those of Knox College, for the purposes of the Church of England, and maintains the closest and most friendly intercourse with this University, and it is enlarging its borders and accommodations for the express purpose of giving the students at the University, although not going into the ministry, an opportunity of residence in the college of their Church, and association with the professors and students of the theological faculty.

Well, this is a vast number of all denominations—considering the total population of the Province, and the number we expect to undergo the sacrifices so often necessary to attain a university education—attending our lectures, and I have shown by statistics, I think, that the institution is in the fullest and broadest sense a National and Provincial institution.

It was but the other day that we welcomed an event which has lately resounded through the religious world—the final consummation of the union of the various branches of the Methodist Church, and we know that their