

to be present at the Convocation of Trinity, for I have not been able to accept the invitation of more than one sister university during each year. This inability, however, has been a benefit, for it has given me time to take in the situation better than would have been possible otherwise. The dimensions of our country are so magnificent, its centres so numerous and its interests so varied, that one must not be in a hurry while feeling its pulse and judging of its condition in any important particular. It seems to me that at present there is a cheering prospect of continuous development before our institutions of higher learning. Wealth is beginning to show that it is awakening to a sense of its duty and privilege to foster these as the fountain heads of all that dignifies and sweetens life, and so far as the colleges are concerned there seems to be an almost entire absence of those

FEELINGS OF JEALOUSLY AND HATRED

that once found expression in scornful and bitter words on both sides. Anything that would reawaken those feelings should surely be avoided; and it is solely because a proposal recently made by Mr. Mulock, Vice Chancellor of Toronto University, is certain if pressed, to re-awaken them that I take the liberty of uttering a note of warning. Like every other college in the old and new worlds University College is in need of additional funds. The field of the knowable is boundless, and every college is ready to spend millions on its staff, on laboratories, on libraries and on original work. Doubtless, too, the money would be well spent. But when Harvard, Columbia, Cornell, Princeton, Johns Hopkins and the other great colleges of the United States, or when Dalhousie, McGill, Victoria and Trinity are in need of additional funds, they appeal to the public, explaining fully why and what for the money is needed, and a response more or less satisfactory is sure to be made. Each institution has a constituency that believes in it and is willing to prove its faith by its works. Instead of following this excellent and universal example, my friend Mr. Mulock proposes that the Government of this Province should give to University College all the money that may be required by it; that is, that the friends of other colleges who have voluntarily and at a great sacrifice, and for what seemed to them good and sufficient reasons, brought their favourite colleges to such a standard as to compel universal recognition, should now be forced by law to give more money to extend, they may think needlessly, an institution which, however excellent, may not commend itself to them as embodying

THE HIGHEST UNIVERSITY IDEAL.

A proposal so manifestly unjust cannot be seriously considered. It was evidently made in ignorance of the facts of the case. The chief reason assigned was that the various denominations support Queen's, Victoria, Trinity and the other colleges, and therefore that the province should support University College. I would like to ask what the province amounts to apart from all the denominations. Aside from this, the assertion is inaccurate. The church with which we are historically and honorably connected is not responsible for the maintenance of Queen's as a faculty of arts and science, that is, for the same work that is done in University College. The church gives an annual grant to the Faculty of Theology, and to that Faculty only; for all other expenditure we have to depend on fees and on the liberality of those classes of the people who believe in us, for one reason or another. As a matter of fact our great friends have been the people of this city and county, without respect to creed, and the members of the Presbyterian Church in Ontario and Quebec. All honor to that Church for starting Queen's. It did so because, after repeated efforts, it failed in its attempts to make what is now Toronto University broad

enough for more denominations than one. With subsequent contests we have nothing to do. It would be

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to revive their memories. We cannot return to the year 1840 or 1850 or 1860 or 1870, and it is well that we cannot. We have to do with the position of to-day. What is that position? Why simply this. That no one now dreams that one college is sufficient for Ontario. University consolidation is another matter, though people often mix up the two questions rather ludicrously, and speak as if the consolidation of Universities would diminish the expense of teaching in the colleges. Every one now admits that Ontario not only has, but that it needs, several colleges, all of them in need of increased funds, and some of them doing their best to meet the necessities of their case, without putting their hands into their neighbours' pockets. I would have supposed that the representative of the one whose friends have hardly yet been appealed to would have faced the difficulty before him in one of two ways, (1) either by calling upon the Province to help, according to a wisely considered plan that would stimulate voluntary effort, every properly equipped institution that is admittedly doing

GOOD WORK FOR THE PROVINCE;

or (2) by calling upon the wealthy people of Toronto and its neighbourhood and the graduates and friends of University College, to put their hands into their own pockets. This latter and perhaps more excellent way is the one favoured by Dr. Wilson, President of University College, whose repeated words of brotherly recognition I cordially accept and reciprocate. He is a wise man and knows the Province well, and he did his duty in giving public warning that a proposal to assist one college with public moneys would arouse a not unreasonable opposition on the part of all the others. It would be a public calamity were the present friendly relations between institutions that have a common and glorious aim disturbed. But we would be destitute of self-respect did we not unitedly and determinedly oppose a scheme that not only implies our own spoliation but that is based on the idea that we are somehow pledged to the aggrandizement of Toronto, rather than to the well-being of our own Alma Mater. I would subscribe willingly, as liberally as my means permit, to any fund for improving the condition of University College. But men who would give \$100 as a gift, will resolutely refuse a cent when it is demanded as a right. On this subject it is unnecessary to enlarge at present, but I have no wish to conceal that the words which I have just uttered express not only my sentiments but the sentiments of the heads, and so far as I know, of the benefactors, of this and other colleges. And perhaps I may be permitted as a friend of University College, for I claim to be such though they may regard this as unpalatable counsel, to hint, that what it most needs is not government interference, patronage or subsidies, but the chivalrous, self-sacrificing support of its own children, "the deeds, not words," of those who most loudly assert its claims.

A WORD TO THE STUDENTS.

I have time for only a few words to the students. The Senate extends a hearty welcome to those who have returned and to the freshmen. Gentlemen, let us never forget to attend with all our might to the duty that lies nearest to us. You have come here to study, and everything must be subsidiary to that. Captain of a University football club nearly thirty years ago, and having just returned from crossing three great ranges of mountains, on horseback or on foot, the Chancellor and myself forcing our way up and down precipices, across torrents, through beaver dams, devil's clubs by the million, and