

of teaching otherwise impossible to us in important subjects of study. History is fraught with lessons of human and divine wisdom. The past life of our fellow-men is an inexhaustible fund accumulated for the life of to-day. The philosophy of history which fails to recognize God as one of its factors is condemned in the court of every man's conscience. Such a denial of God discredits the moral nature of man and destroys the ethical value of historical studies. In short, it is not history at all. This great subject will be open to the freest handling in McMaster University, and the principles and forces which are known to have determined the course of human history in all its deeper and graver issues will be exposed with impartiality. It is to be counted, too, a matter of especial moment that the Departments of Ethics, Philosophy, and Natural Science, while receiving the fullest and freest treatment, will be in charge of Christian men, who cannot be unmindful of the needs of their students.

Necessity doth front the universe
With an invincible gesture;

yet God reigns, and hears the prayers of men. The reverent pursuit of truth will be the aim of all investigations and discussions. We shall have due freedom also to discuss the principles of civil government in themselves, and in their application in the development of the institutions of our beloved Canada. The principles of civil and religious liberty are in constant danger of being obscured even in the freest countries. The Christian body having ultimate control of this University has testified and taught both in Europe and on this continent that the State is a political corporation only, and cannot rightfully intermeddle with man in his relations with God. These principles should have free discussion in all institutions of learning among us, but until all are free to do this there is special reason why they should find a prominent place in the teaching of McMaster University. Our safety as Canadians rests not, at bottom, in our political institutions, however perfect, but in ourselves: and vigilance has ever been the price of both civil and religious liberty.

The ultimate control of this University is practically vested in the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec. All the departments, except that of theology, are open without religious