

of the noblest of occupations and one of the most essential to the stability and strength of the nation.

The university reached out its helping hand also to those who could attend but for limited hours, or for a short period of weeks. Six hundred and forty students by this means received instruction in one or more of the following subjects: botany, mining, forestry, management of gas engines, motor mechanics, the driving of motors, steam-engineering, electrical engineering, agriculture and the work of the machinist.

Nor is this the end of the story. The first summer session of the university will open in July. Competent instructors will give courses in educational subjects of the greatest value to our teachers directly, tending to a higher standard of efficiency, and therefore conferring distinct benefit on thousands of school children, future citizens of our province and our Dominion.

A department of nursing has also been established, to elevate the status of the nursing profession generally, and to train workers for educational, public and social service.

Another interesting instance of expansion is the affiliation of Westminster Hall with the university, brought about at the last meeting of the Senate. Other theological colleges will follow suit. Sites for their buildings are reserved on the university grounds at Point Grey. The grouping of these around the colleges of secular instruction will be found mutually beneficial. It is hoped, too, that the seminaries of the several churches will find it possible to co-operate in much of their teaching, thus husbanding their funds and fostering a spirit of friendliness and unity among the various denominations.

Not the least important development of the year has been the re-establishment of Victoria College, in affiliation with the provincial university, which will enable hundreds of young men and women to do two years' university work in arts and science without leaving home, the last two years in each case to be taken in the university itself. This will prove a boon, especially to a well deserving class, viz., those rich in brain but poor in pocket, who can least afford the expense of travelling and of living away from home. A college also is a diffuser of intellectual light to the whole locality in which it is situated, a powerful stimulus to its higher life, and one should be found operating in every considerable city. This system has obtained in Scotland for more than three centuries, and the high level of Scottish intelligence and efficiency has given leadership to her sons in every calling in life in every part of the world.

The establishment of other colleges of arts and science affiliated with the provincial university will follow the rise of other great centres of population and wealth. These will not detract from the support or prestige of the parent institution, but will be found to enhance both. "There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing; there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great wealth." This truth was crystallized in a proverb three thousands years ago; the wise man will not lose sight of it now.

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