

if not impossible, to meet. It has now become a tremendous undertaking to maintain a University possessing all the appliances needed for every department of study. Toronto University, with an annual income of nearly \$70,000 a year, finds this unequal to maintain a first-class position. Victoria, to take a respectable position as a University in the future, would require from \$150,000 to \$200,000 for new buildings and apparatus, and an endowment that would yield from \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year. Does the result of our past experience give any fair ground to justify the belief that we could raise this money, for a purpose that has not the approval of our most wealthy and influential laymen, who are in favor of Federation? And, even if we could raise the money, would it be wise for us to apply so much money to keep up a University? Will not the requirements of Victoria, as an efficient Arts College and Theological Seminary, give ample sphere for the enterprise and liberality of our people?

But in the Federation scheme, in addition to other branches, the scientific subjects, which constitute the most expensive and most constantly expanding department of a University, are assigned to the University Professoriate. This relieves our College from the heavy burden of maintaining this most costly part of the course of University study. So, without any grant to denominational Colleges, they are enabled to share in the provision which the State has made for Higher Education; and thus, at last, we gain, in a somewhat different form, an advantage which for many years was sought without success. To provide the buildings, appliances, and Professors which would enable Victoria to do all this work as thoroughly as it ought to be done, would, I believe, nearly double the expense which would be required by us on the Federation plan. It seems to me great folly to disparage and belittle so great an advantage as this. Still, if we can afford the expense, we may teach anything we choose in our own College. But, I fancy it will be hard to make our laymen, who must supply the funds, feel their obligation to take this burden off the Province, in order to lay it on Methodist shoulders.

5. It is a strong reason in favor of Victoria coming into Federation, *that pending changes in the Provincial University will greatly weaken the ground of any appeal for the support of a Denominational University, in the future.* The opponents of Federation do not seem to realize this. The proposed constitution of the University Senate gives greater security for the Christian character of the institution. A new hall for the use of the University Young Men's Christian Association is to be erected on the University grounds. Such branches as Chris-