

they could not think of going a long distance away from home to secure the same advantages. He did not think that Victoria would finally adopt the scheme as it at present stands. It was quite clear that the intention was to make University College the leading institution of the country, and to crush out the other colleges. He felt sure that Queen's would not enter into the scheme.

R. T. Walkem, Q.C., pointed out the necessity of an institution such as Queen's in Eastern Ontario. He felt sure that the benefactors of Queen's would be willing to see their contributions go if they could be convinced that the scheme was for the good of the country. However, it appeared to him that it was a scheme for the good of Toronto. He referred to the evil effect centralization at Toronto had had upon the legal profession.

Mayor Smythe, who is a graduate of Toronto, was unwilling to think that the scheme originated with his *Alma Mater*. He opposed centralization as a Canadian and pointed out the immense loss the removal of Queen's would be to Kingston and the surrounding country. He believed that any scheme based upon the removal of the sister colleges must fail. He moved, seconded by Dr. Lavell, "that it is the opinion of this meeting that any scheme of federation or grouping of all colleges in any one locality, is vicious in principle and contrary to the best interests of this Province." The motion was carried unanimously, amid applause. John McIntyre, Q.C., M.A., '72, held that the scheme did have its origin in Toronto University, and was consequent upon this university not being able to obtain the expected government grant. He claimed that a Queen's degree was in every respect equal to one from Toronto, and expressed his firm conviction that the people of Kingston and Eastern Ontario would never suffer Queen's to be crowded out by any other institution. He moved, seconded by Mr. R. T. Walkem, "that this meeting disapprove of the scheme so far as Queen's is concerned." This motion was unanimously approved of.

T. R. Dupuis, M.D., '60, next entered a protest against the scheme on behalf of the Royal College. He pointed out that the adoption of the scheme would render it necessary for medical students to go to Toronto both at the beginning and the end of their course, and the inevitable result would be the extinction of all the medical schools outside of that place. The Royal is doing a highly successful and beneficial work, and its students, at the Council examinations, hold their own with those of any college in Canada. He read a motion, passed at a recent meeting of the Medical Faculty, condemning the scheme.

It being considered advisable to bring the question of federation more prominently before the public of this section of the country, a committee was appointed, upon motion of Mr. C. F. Gildersleeve, to arrange for a public meeting at an early date. The meeting then dispersed, all agreeing that Queen's should have nothing whatever to do with the proposed federation.

#### FROM OUR STATESMEN.

The following are extracts from letters sent to Principal Grant by Hon. Geo. A. Kirkpatrick and Sir Richard Cartwright, giving their opinions upon the federation scheme. Mr. Kirkpatrick says:

"I regard this proposed scheme as fraught with evil not only to Queen's, but to the cause of higher education in the province. \* \* \* It seems to me that Queen's by affiliation would lose her individuality and the name she has established for herself throughout the Dominion. \* \* \* Queen's and all the other colleges except Toronto, would become simply divinity schools. If students have to go to Toronto to

obtain university education they will gravitate to the college with the richest endowment and the largest scholarships, and that college will be, of course, the one with the state at its back. Queen's and Trinity and Victoria will be attended only by those students who look forward to taking a divinity course. \* \* \*

The cause of higher education wants, and must have, more centres of influence than one. \* \* \*

The number of university professors will be reduced from what at present is necessary for the various universities and the incentive for young men of promise in different branches of study and scientific attainment to continue their studies with the hope of obtaining such professorships, will be lessened, because the prizes (the professorships) to be obtained will be fewer. The chances, therefore, for genius and merit to be developed in the province will be curtailed. The cause of higher education in Eastern Ontario will suffer also because many a student comes to Kingston who would not go to Toronto at all. \* \* \*

The generous rivalry which now exists between the universities, and which begets progress and advancement, would be gone, and the state-endowed university, without any rival or competition from active and zealous principals of other universities, would, I fear, relapse into a state of lethargy and dullness productive of mediocrity. \* \* \*

The proposal to concentrate all institutions for higher education in one city is opposed to the history of universities in all other countries. \* \* \* In fact, the whole experience and practice of Europe and America warn us against the proposed "leap in the dark." \* \* \*

A scheme which would be so injurious to the cause of higher education in this section of the Province, and, by removing all competition, would thereby tend to reduce the activity and zeal requisite to keep up and elevate the standard of university education in the province generally."

Sir. Richard Cartwright's letter is more brief. After referring to the claims of Kingston upon Queen's, he closes as follows:—

"I am inclined to think that the plan of having several colleges (whether affiliated with a common central institution or not) located in different portions of Ontario is more likely to meet the present needs of a community like our own than a project which, if I understand it correctly, would require every person who desired to obtain a collegiate education to go into residence at Toronto."

"Mind your eye." What has happened to J's eye? Can it be possible that he has been fighting? No! it is only recently that he has been learning that "little hands were never meant to." &c. Has he been experimenting with Sulphuric Acid? Surely not, for he is a Church Student. "Murder will out." He has been kicked by a horse. But how? Where? When? The unusual circumstance of being up before breakfast and returning from the back yard gives us a clue. It appears that during the absence of the manager a certain horse had been allowed to stand idly in his stable. It occurred to the acute-witted Soph. that a little exercise would keep his thin blood from congealing. So having saddled the horse with a goodly-sized stick he proceeded from seeing to sawing, but the fractious animal reared and kicked him on the eye. You see he saw a saw horse and saw seasonably suited to a Soph., and saddled it with a stick. The unskilful sinner struck too severely and soon saw stars.

Several of our students have been at the Montreal Winter Carnival for the past week. A couple have returned home and report having had a grand time.