

too small a site in consequence of which mistake the athletic grounds are now being sacrificed for building purposes. The Liverpool University is badly cramped for space. However, to come nearer home, McGill has much too small a campus. A visitor to this splendid seat of Canadian learning must at once recognize that the various buildings are already much crowded and that future extensions will be greatly hampered in consequence of the site being too limited.

Our Own Site is Much Too Small.

In view of the foregoing facts and of many others which could be added to them, it seems to me clear that six and three-quarter acres will not be nearly sufficient for the future needs of the University of Manitoba. During the last six weeks I have made a point of discussing the University site question with a considerable number of prominent citizens in Winnipeg and in no instance have I found any one really satisfied with the Broadway site. On the other hand disapproval with regard to it has been expressed in no uncertain tones both by members of the University Council and by those who interest themselves in the University from without. A member of the Council in a recent article of the Farmer's Advocate says: "As well breed an elephant in a bird-cage as expect a great university to develop within the petty potato-patch . . . assigned to the present University of Manitoba." Equally uncomplimentary remarks about the site have been made to me personally. The consensus of dissatisfaction appears to be very general if not complete.

From a study of the development of other universities, it must surely be admitted that the present site of our own is far too small. We cannot afford to ignore this fact, and in discussing the future policy of the University it ought carefully to be borne in mind. We should be lacking in the most elementary wisdom if we disregarded the plain teaching given by the experience of older institutions.

Importance of Procuring a New Site Now.

If the University is to grow with the growth of the Province and to become a first-class organization a much larger site will have to be procured, in all probability within a comparatively few years. The writer believes, owing to a number of circumstances, that now is the best time for procuring the land required. St. John's is about to erect a new college. A site has been secured near Fort Osborne. Wesley is about to build a women's college, on a site not far from the University. The University building is already too small for even the present requirements of the depart-