

development of the problem the same disposition was so apparent that by tacit assent all the other members of the committee refrained from saying a word about the name to be given to the University until matters had gone too far for him to recede, when his protestations were overborne by the unanimous voice of his brethren, in which action they will surely be upheld by you and by future generations. "No man liveth to himself," and least of all he whose work has given him a large place among his fellows. His name in this connection had ceased to be his own merely. Not his personal feelings alone, but also the judgment of those who had to carry on the work was entitled to be consulted in naming the new University. Recognizing this, he loyally accepted the decision of his brethren.

Has the thought ever struck you, how great a trust in his brethren is implied in the terms of his will and of the charter of this institution? It has no parallel. Without being imbued with the pessimism of a Carlyle on the subject of democracy, one might well hesitate to leave the administration of a great endowment, and the shaping of the policy of an institution of higher learning to the hands of representatives chosen by the individual churches. But the founder, it is conceived, rightly judged that if there was a people on earth who might be trusted with such a power it was the Baptists, whose principles necessarily schooled them in the art of government.

How shall we best justify the confidence reposed in us? Surely by striving to catch something of his spirit, who, especially in his last days, must have felt that he was in some measure rewarded for the struggles and toils of a lifetime, when, in prophetic vision, he saw generation after generation of graduates passing from the halls of McMaster University into the battle of life, disciplined by strong and broad courses of study, with high views of life, and filled with growing confidence in their message to humanity. Let us honor his memory by a willing recognition according to our ability of the obligations this great trust has cast upon us. McMaster University is *our* University—the University in a peculiar sense of the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec. It is ours, not to build up for our glorification as a people, but to be made in conformity with our principles the greatest blessing possible to all within the far-reaching scope of