

Mother Country, and there become half alien to the people among whom and with whom the student is to act for the remainder of his life. If any one deems a foreign education necessary to open the mind, as one of the speakers at the Trinity College dinner seemed to do, he should remember that our young men may travel in Europe, and what is of still more importance, that they will use European books. But it is a waste of words to argue without an opponent. Everyone admits that our present system of small local Universities owes its existence not to regard for the interests of learning or science but to denominational necessity. Everyone admits that though the local Universities may have met the exigencies of the special case, and thus rendered good service in their day, they now stand in the way of something much better than themselves. To the value of degrees the existence of these little institutions in which students are examined for literary honours by their own teachers, is manifestly fatal: and in a society which we have the Governor-General's authority for calling essentially democratic, the depreciation of any genuine distinction is especially to be deplored.

The thing most to be desired, is, that all our denominational or local Colleges should migrate to the central University of the Province, and there be federated into one great institution, as the Colleges of Oxford and Cambridge are, for the purpose of literary and scientific instruction, and for the maintenance of common libraries and other requisite apparatus; each College, at the same time, retaining the power of self-government within its own gates, and regulating, in accordance with the tenets of the denomination to which it belongs, its internal system of moral discipline and religious instruction. This, we say, is the thing most to be desired, and it would be as effectual a settlement as, under the present circumstances of the religious world, is possible of any difficulty arising from the conflicting claims of University education and the Churches, while the