

whole university, but I deplore the spirit of the promoters of the College Association, and view it as calamitous that in such a spirit there should be formed in our midst an association on behalf of University College as against the interests not only of the university professoriate, but as against all our other faculties, our affiliated and confederated institutions. If each member of our university system were to imitate this dangerous example they would all soon be on a war footing as against each other, and instead of friendly, generous rivalry, at all times subordinated to the common good, we would have selfish antagonism seeking the destruction of the other. Let once such a spirit as this acquire a foothold in our midst and soon its disintegrating force will produce its logical results, the breaking up of confederation, the loss of our allies, in a word,

THE DOWNFALL OF OUR UNIVERSITY.

Sir, I am not content to view in silence a movement, which, if successful, means the undoing of the lifework of many noble men, whose disinterested labors have placed this university in her present proud position. No loyal graduate would deliberately turn back the hand that on the dial has marked the flights of her last ten years of university life. Let us not therefore begin the work of destruction which, once begun, will end only when we shall have destroyed our institution. (Cheers.) Far be it from me to suggest that any of our graduates, not even my severest critics, are not, according to their notion, loyal to our alma mater. They all mean well by her, but it is as true to-day as ever that

INTEREST BLINDS THE EYE,

and it will be slight comfort if, even by mistaken zeal, the university is injured by her best friends.

I have never knowingly turned a deaf or an unkind ear to those connected with the university who solicited my aid towards their preferment. In the interest of the university I have not been able always to meet their views, more especially when preparing our house to receive our confederation friends. But my action was intended solely in the interests of the university whenever I resisted the numerous demands for increases of salary and betterment of positions at a time when all our resources were otherwise required. However, I entertained the well-grounded hope that as soon as we had our science buildings completed our strong position would solve the financial question, and I endeavored, though ineffectually, to have this view accepted. Why, sir, do you think that had our university fire occurred a dozen years ago public and private contributions would have flowed in upon us as they did, and that the university would have arisen from her ashes more glorious than ever? Rather, sir, I think it at least doubtful if there would have been any restoration. Public opinion, however, and public sympathy were with us in 1890, for