

Chairs mentioned above; nay, even the Roman Catholics might also join. Perhaps they might not desire to have their youth attend the Protestant Professors of History and Mental Philosophy; but surely, every denomination of Christians, and even Jews and Mohammedans, might unite to learn Chemistry, Mathematics, and Mechanics together, and thus, by combining their strength, have one complete and efficient University, instead of several inefficient ones, which, besides their incompleteness, repel by their denominational character.

The third cause of the failure of the universities in this province is to be found in their situation, in thinly peopled villages in the country, instead of being in the large towns—in Halifax if there is but one, and in Pictou, if a second should be required.

The majority of parents have a well-founded objection to sending their sons from home at the very critical period between sixteen and twenty-one years of age. They may appreciate the advantages of a first-rate education, continued up to the latter period, but think that the serious risks to which a youth is exposed when left to himself, freed from the parental control, guidance and example, are too great to compensate for these advantages; and accordingly they prefer sending him to business to occupy him and keep him under their own eye at this trying time of life. Hence, the university should be in the largest town, to be brought to the homes and firesides of the greatest number of the class for whom it is designed.

But there is yet another important consideration, which should lead us to place the university in the largest town. Such an institution is not only for those preparing for the learned professions, or those who desire to pursue a complete general education; it is invaluable also for another and a quite distinct class—those who have a peculiar taste or aptitude for some special department of literature or science, and who, for the public interest as well as their own, should have easy access to the means of acquiring full instruction, extending to the most recent and advanced information, on their favorite subjects. Take, for example, chemistry: wherever there is any populous community, a certain number will be