

IS QUEEN'S DENOMINATIONAL?

Having considered the objection that "others might apply," a second objection which has been urged deserves to be noted. The Denominational bogey has been invoked, in spite of the history of Queen's, its reputation where it is best known, and the fact that public money is not expected until the University is separated in name as well as in reality from the Church with which from its origin it has been so honourably connected. This change in its Constitution has not been proposed and discussed for the purpose of getting aid from the State. It comes about as the result of the evolution of the University into a larger life than that which its Constitution expresses. It calls for the separation of the Theological Faculty, and its affiliation as an independent corporation to the University, because no Church is yet prepared to treat Theology as a science. Possibly, in the twenty-first century, Denominationalism will be considered as unworthy of Theology as it is now considered unworthy of Literature, Philosophy or Science, but the good time coming will not be hastened by ostentatiously ignoring or unwisely protesting against actual conditions. What has the whole history of Queen's been but a long struggle against the sectarianism of the Province in various forms! Queen's came into existence in 1841, because the Provincial University was sectarian. Fifteen years later, it had to form a Medical Faculty, because medical students in Toronto could not get degrees, without submitting to sectarian tests. Subsequently, it had to do the same for women, because Canadian women had to expatriate themselves in order to become qualified as medical missionaries. As neither its charter, statutes, nor by-laws referred to sex, for there is no sex in mind any more than in the good, the beautiful and the true, no difficulty in this regard was ever raised in Queen's, whereas the doors of the Provincial University were opened only when the scandal of women refused admission, though winners of Matriculation Scholarships and obliged to forfeit their Scholarships and come to Queen's, made the injustice too glaring to be longer endured. In these and other ways the Province has benefitted educationally, and the Provincial University has benefitted, by the existence of its sister in the East. Those things are not mentioned for the sake of glorying, but to point to the dangers inevitably connected with monopoly