

ask—Why should it not be desirable? If the Church of England be not the most numerous Church in Canada, she is undoubtedly by far the most numerous in the Mother country, and numbers among her sons the most learned of the British race. Are men to retaliate upon her for ever the insults and oppression of which some of her adherents here have been guilty? This is to rush with open eyes into the sin we condemn in others—and to repay the factious selfishness complained of by as great selfishness and as bitter faction. Is the Church of England to be limited to the holding of *certain* offices in the University, and is the cause of Science to be trifled with by a perpetual entail of this University chair on a Presbyterian, of that on an Independent, of a third on a Roman Catholic?

There is, however, a method by which the objection—if it be one, might be obviated. And that is—by vesting, for the future, the patronage of some of the University Chairs in the Heads or Governing Bodies of some of the British Universities; an arrangement which, while promoting in all parts of the Mother Country an interest in the Canadian University, could not fail to be highly advantageous to its character as a seat of learning. To each University might be assigned the patronage of the chair of some branch of Science or Literature, for which such University has acquired a wide celebrity. Thus the appointment to the Chairs of Classics and Mathematics might be bestowed on Oxford and Cambridge; of Moral and Mental Philosophy on the Scottish Universities; while the choice of some of the Medical Professors might be allotted to Edinburgh and Dublin. This would tend in some degree to free the University patronage from the influence of political intrigue within the Province, and prove an effectual bar to anything like a University compact.

3. A difficulty of apparent, or perhaps, as some represent it, of real strength, lies in the matter of degrees in Divinity. But better far—if really necessary—that the exercise of this privilege by the University should, for the present, lie in abeyance, than that this single, and comparatively insignificant, obstacle should be allowed to impede the University education of our youth on the