

gifted teachers from any position in the chief University of Canada? Is it wise to try to perpetuate this state of things?

We are all at one as to the importance of religious education, though we may differ respecting the best means of promoting it. Those who favor Federation are just as loyal to religion as those who oppose it. Should anyone ask: "Shall our Higher Education be Christian or Infidel?" I emphatically answer, CHRISTIAN! And, in order to help in making it Christian, let us take our fair share in moulding the character and inspiring the life of our Provincial University. The English Methodists have such a high ideal of the importance of religious education, that they have raised an immense amount of money to carry on a system of Church Day Schools; yet they rejoiced when the great Universities were opened to Dissenters; and gladly avail themselves of the privilege of sending their sons to Oxford and Cambridge, though, in many respects, they are at a great disadvantage, compared with what our position will be in the University of Ontario. Such facts show that, tried by a practical test, the main ground of the opposition to Federation is untenable. I do not hesitate to assert, that had the Provincial University been originally placed on such a broad unsectarian basis as that now proposed, our fathers would never have deemed it necessary to maintain a separate Methodist University.

3. What I have said in regard to *the increase of our religious influence by removal to Toronto equally applies to the influence of our whole educational work.* Toronto is the centre of the Educational, Political, Legal, and Literary life of the Province. Good work done here is more under the public eye, and will tell more powerfully upon the whole community. The sagacious Franklin Metcalf pleaded hard to make Toronto the seat of our College. Its location in a small place, where it has had small local patronage and support, was a mistake that has been detrimental to the influence of Victoria during its whole existence. Our best professors have been partially buried out of sight in Cobourg, and the value of their work not properly known. A brilliant and gifted scientist, like Dr. Haanel, would have won a far wider and higher reputation in a central place, like Toronto, than his remarkable scientific work in Cobourg has given him. Similar statements might be made about other Victoria Professors.

4. *The University Professoriate, which will sustain the same relation to all the Colleges, provides for our students an extensive course of instruction in various branches, that we could not supply independently without a very large expenditure, which it would be extremely difficult,*