

President of Dalhousie was Alumni Orator

University and State Ably Discussed by
Dr. A. Stanley McKenzie of Dalhousie--
College Trained Men are Needed in the
Public Service of the Country--Inefficiency of Government Methods Have
Become Almost a By-Word

Dr. A. Stanley McKenzie, president of Dalhousie University, Halifax alumni orator, delivered the following scholarly address at the U.N.B. Banquet:

The subject that I have chosen to speak to you about is UNIVERSITY AND STATE. This phrase, I know, has not the ring to it that it should have; and yet the idea that is embraced by it is one that in the future will be put in some such happy form as will make it spring as a lip from the tongue as that well-worn phrase, CHURCH AND STATE, from which it is copied.

That the things we do note by a college or university and the Government or the State are now being coupled together, rather than the Church and the State, is significant of a profound change in social relations and corporate thought. I would lead us too far afield if I were to try, were it a subject I were properly qualified to speak upon, to place before you the causes that led to the close connection of the prelates who were the exponents of the religious feelings of a people with the princes who were its governing authorities. Apart from the obvious fact that the religious and moral beliefs of a people must find expression in its constitution and its laws are indeed the very fibre of its construction—and that therefore the two essentials of community life, Faith and Law, must be linked together, there were two outstanding reasons why in our early history church and state were named in the same breath. These were the great temporal power and estates of the church, so that they were themselves governors in a large sense, and secondly, the fact that the church contained a very undue proportion of the learned and intellectually trained men of the time.

The time was too, and not so many generations ago, that a learned man, to be churchman or layman, was learned not in a special field, but practically all domains of knowledge could be his. The cleric was not only the learned man in religion, philosophy and letters; but he was competent to speak on any phase of mental activity, be it its statecraft, or science, or architecture, or economics or law. If he usually left medicine to the follower of Aesculapius, the latter poached on all his preserves except divinity.

It is not so long since a professor in one of our colleges would not hesitate to profess lecture upon any

subject of the curriculum, and in small colleges you may still find this anomaly; and it was a common saying that if you scratched a professor you would find a minister, and the kindly wag usually added that he was made a professor because he was no good for a minister. Traces of all this still remain, and I feel sure that Chancellor Jones and myself are viewed as Heads of Colleges when it is discovered that though we may be called Doctor there is no D.D. among the letters after our names.

CHANGED CONDITIONS

With the tremendous growth of knowledge in every realm of human mental endeavor, the original unbounded domain of the churchman became narrowed to a small specialty until today we do not expect, nor receive, from the pulpit the dogmatic statements our forebears were wont to utter. Universities which are not controlled by corporate bodies who feel it their duty to uphold some special theory or doctrine, or, to them body of truth.

Of all institutions the university should be the freest; it is no place for formulas or framed and fitted mental habiliments, but rather the place where the mind of youth at its plastic stage can browse in every meadow of thought and speculation, where no pasture is forbidden ground guided and restrained only by the imperceptible but impelling force of the stern logic of the accumulated experience and wisdom of the ages stored in the writings of the sages, who have ranged the same fields before them. To place all this before the eager mind is the only duty of the teacher, with his own personal experience and conclusions thrown in if he likes; but the choice of what is truth lies with the student; else he is not a man, but a mere automaton. The man of sound, stern philosophy, of clear vision, of sturdy sense of duty, of devotion to truth, yet open to great, but not sudden, change of attitude to meet changing to look for and require.

Freedom of thought, freedom of conscience, freedom of belief, so entrenched themselves in our development of the instincts and reasoning powers with which we have been endowed, that it was evident that the dogmatic stage in man's progress in civilization must pass away. Faith will remain faith; but when appeal is made to reason, it must be to our reason, not to that of another. It was only in the university that the opportunity could be had for this expanding view of man's mental ductility, for this untrammelled play of thought, for this eternal questioning of the accepted, for this patient, unpromising dissection of nature, for this unceasing doubt of the idea of finality in anything but God.

MORE IMPORTANT PART

The universities have, accordingly, come to play a more and more important part in the progress of thought and in applying the results of investigations to the service of man. We are perhaps more familiar with this fact in the realm of science but it is equally true in every depart-

ment. This contribution of the universities due to free play of thought is especially evident in the case of the conditions, is not moulded in quiet retreat, under the guidance of formulas. He is the man who has had laid open before him the conflicting claims of many views, and has, by thinking, chosen a belief of his own, and has followed in the fixed and unbending path of science to a realization of the eternal law of action and reaction and has formed a purpose the steadier because it is all his own. Such men the country needs; and such men a proper university should produce.

I would not say, of course, that such men can not arise apart from the university, for history is at hand to tell us of them, but that no other institution but the university is equal to the task. Nor would anyone be so foolish as to hope that the university could turn all the metal that comes to its mint into gold, but when it finds the ore has the gold in its veins, it can extract it and refine it and mould it into noblest relief. Fortunate is the university which can truly admire its handiwork in one case out of every hundred. But that one may be made to influence the lives of hundreds and thousands of his fellow men. Such men, I say, the country needs; but more than that, such men the country needs in the country's service. This is true of every state, but especially so in this young country where the problems are not only great and complicated, but where the idea of service to the state is yet in its infancy.

NEED FOR TRAINED MEN.

The need for trained men in its service, not only in its greater aspects of statecraft and constructive legislation, but in all the ramifications of its administrative and executive work, has led almost every enlightened government to foster universities in its midst. These state universities are as broad in their sympathies and as unshackled in their teaching and as wide in their interests, as are the varied constituent elements of the state. What the German universities, not only state-aided but even state-directed, have done for that country one does not need to urge upon you.

THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

Under the quickening influence of the state university in the United States, American education has made great strides and American life has been stimulated on many new sides by the university-trained man and the state is drawing into its use a larger and larger number of men trained for constructive effort. In our own country Ontario has seen the error of its earlier ways and the western provinces have made an enviable beginning. You in New Brunswick have here in this university an institution which deserves your support in a way you cannot over-estimate and you have not, as in my unfortunate province, much to undo before you can go forward to bringing to bear on your future greatness one of the greatest influences a state can possess, a free and broad-based, state-assisted seat of learning. I would like to say to you—strain a point to cherish it; let it, make it, grow; the period you must wait for the product of its fruition will not be long and will amply repay the privations you may suffer in the days of its growing.

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WILL NOT ACT.

Telegraphic—Sir Frederic Barker will not act as chairman of the royal commission to investigate the Dugal charges. That announcement was made definitely last evening by a member of the family. Lieut.-Governor Wood is at present at his home in Sackville but is coming to St. John on Wednesday and will meet Attorney General Clark at Fredericton during the week. It is probable that the selection of a man to succeed Sir Frederic on the commission will be made not later than Thursday.

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