DENOMINATIONAL RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES

FAVORED BY WARDEN OF UNIVERSITY SENATE

Mr. F. Church, warden of the University Sen- nate and headmaster of Prince Alfred College, expressed himself as being in favor of denominational resid- ential colleges.

"I am very much afraid," Mr. Church said, when the subject was brought up. "When young men live together in a religious atmosphere as in a college, a great influence is exerted over each other in the right direction. The young men are not necessarily close friends, but they are close associates, and it is very important that they should be brought together in the right company.

"That is the trouble. It would be impossible to do away with any of them. You can't have a good school without a good library, and a good library is the soul of any college. The detail of the scheme, however, have not been worked out, and little more can be done at present. The idea is that there would be a nucleus for a complete scheme. Mr. Ryan makes a suggestion that the college might have a number of residential colleges, and provide accommodation for some of the students. This would be a great advantage, and it would be a step in the right direction. The details of the scheme would have to be worked out, however, and the cost would be considerable. The increased annual grant of £4,000, which was needed by the Warden to the University, was not enough to cover the present work. A proper allowance would have to be made for the maintenance of the staffs of the various colleges.

The financial question.

There is no difficulty in suggesting directions for the future, but the whole question of increasing the endowment of the University is a problem. What are the funds for? Are they to be used to build new schools, or to provide accommodation for students? The funds are to be used for the benefit of the students, and the money is to be used to provide accommodation for them. The financial question is a difficult one, but it is necessary to consider it carefully.