

We feel proud that the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, connected with the Free Church, are taking so noble a stand in this matter; we had our fears that an application would shortly be made to the Legislature for a grant of money in aid of the Academy as a sectarian institution, now in course of erection at Woodstock; but from the tenor of the article, a part of which we have quoted from the *Colonial Presbyterian*, we are led to the conclusion that no grant will be asked for such an object; and that the Woodstock institution will exist upon private resources; and act as a feeder to the University, "with," says our contemporary, "its truly accomplished professors, its costly apparatus, its fine buildings, its present and prospective endowments and equipments."

The subject of public aid to denominational institutions of education, wherever established, has been the cause of much trouble, except in countries where the inhabitants were all of one religious belief. In Great Britain, and in every one of her North American Colonies, these institutions have created much excitement. The efforts made in Canada during the last year, to obtain a division of the grant to its University, and the opposition to such a division, must be still fresh in the minds of the readers of Canadian news. But it is in Newfoundland where this evil is most prominent; Protestants and Roman Catholics have each their share of the public money; even the grants for elementary schools are divided between these two bodies, according to their respective requirements; and it is reported that an effort will shortly be made to divide the educational grant to the Protestant portion of the inhabitants, according to the numbers into which the latter is divided; thus, separating the inhabitants of the same country from one another, because, by accident, they happen to be of different creeds; and, as if by learning lessons in one class, one might contaminate the other. The evil results that generally arise to society from such a course, penetrate all the ramifications, social, moral, and intellectual, of society; and tend to retard improvement in every other department also.

We should like to see each of these Provinces have one central institution of learning, where the youth of all creeds could enter and drink deeply of the fountain of instruction.

However, we must confess, that we have grave doubts as to the benefits to be derived from our University, as at present constituted. The absence of all clergymen from its council board, is our principal objection.

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The Woodstock *Times* states that Mr. Thomas Wallace, of North Norwich, has a cow which gave birth, about 15 months ago, to four calves; and one month ago, she surprised her owner with five more, making the total of nine calves in 14 months.