

although the University and the College are distinct in their functions, the College, or teaching body, forms an essential part of the University scheme, as established by the Act, and whether the Library be supposed to belong to the one body or to the other, is immaterial, provided it be established. As the University, however, represents the whole country, as the heads of all educational institutions, and the representatives of all denominations find a place in it, I think it better that the management and control should be vested in the Senate than in the College. But to expend the money in forming five or six collections is utterly to ignore the great use of a public Library. The ordinary text books used in education, the classical authors in various languages, the books of reference in common use, are not so numerous as to be beyond the reach of any College, or even of many private individuals; but there is another class of books which you will not find there, consisting principally of books of reference of a more special character, not so often used it is true, but as essential when occasions for consulting them occur; and those numerous periodical publications issued by learned and scientific bodies in various parts of the world, in which almost all new views and discoveries first make their appearance, and without access to which a scholar or a man of science in this country would have to remain contented with his ignorance, till, years after all Europe had been turning their attention to something new, he gathered the information from some digest published in a more popular and accessible form. Such publications, often of a very costly kind from their limited circulation, can only be found in a public Library; and, until Canada possesses such a collection, she must be content to remain in a position of inferiority, ill adapted to her growing wealth and intelligence. Such a collection the Senate has been authorised to form and is now acquiring, and it has provided for giving the public the freest access to it.*

Professors in University College.

It is argued also that the professorial staff in University College is beyond the wants of the country, and the charge excessive. As to the rate of remuneration I may fortunately appeal to the appellants themselves. Dr. Cook admits that the salary of a Professor should be at least £500 a-year, and that he would rather see it £600, and none of the other gentlemen have appeared to dispute his views. It is true that in a later portion of his evidence, when driven to the necessity of keeping his proposed expenses within a sum to which he would limit the expenditure of the University and College, he has been compelled to confine himself to

* The expenditure upon the Library and Museum by the University of Toronto was specially excepted to by the petitioners, though both Dr. Cook and Mr. Nelles, when asked what they would do with an additional grant, naturally enough specify this as an important acquisition for their own Colleges; and though Dr. Ryerson, in the celebrated letter to Mr. Hincks, would make it imperative on his proposed University to expend at least £1000 a-year for this object. Now, however, he appears to look upon the question from a less exalted point of view, for he says, in his reply, (p. 35, C. P.) "the law no more authorises the purchase of a Provincial Library and a Provincial Museum out of a fund designed for College education, than out of the funds designed for Grammar and Common School education." Does the Superintendent intend by this sentence modestly to confess, that, when the law authorised the expenditure of £200 a-year out of the Common School Fund for a Museum, it was not quite legal to expend thousands upon a Museum and Gallery of Pictures at the Normal School?

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