

amount of subscriptions had been put down for the purpose of erecting a College for ourselves, we were led to suspend our operations until it should be seen whether the College to be established in the North of Ireland would be suitable for our object. We had the strong assurance of Sir Robert Peel on the subject. One of his statements was to the effect, that he intended the northern College to be a boon to the public at large, and *especially to the Presbyterians in the North of Ireland, and he hoped it would be so arranged as to suit our object.*" The General Assembly, in October, 1849, passed a resolution of approval and satisfaction, stating that, "Her Majesty's Government have enabled us to provide for the religious instruction of all our students by the endowment of a Theological Faculty under our own exclusive jurisdiction; one of our ministers, in whose capacity and paternal care we have entire confidence, has been appointed Dean of Residences, to whom has been committed the constant inspection and care of the conduct of the students," &c. This is one of the non-denominational Colleges in Ireland to which Mr. Langton has appealed as the latest expression of what Her Majesty's Government have thought it necessary to provide for in regard to University education, and as an example against the claims of denominational Colleges! But how very differently do the Toronto College monopolists treat the views of those religious persuasions who insist upon the necessity of providing for the constant care and oversight of the religious instruction and conduct of youth during their course of collegiate studies. On the other hand, the system of Colleges advocated by University reformers is equally just and liberal to all parties, while it duly provides for the religious instruction, constant care and oversight of students during the four years of their collegiate education, and is the only system by which religious persuasions can provide for what Government itself provided in behalf of Presbyterians in Queen's College, Belfast—the daily religious care and oversight of youth at college. The justice of it to all parties, and the importance of it in a religious and moral point of view, are therefore as clear as day.

6. Equally important is the system I advocate to secure a high and thorough system of University education. It has been shown how low and loose is the present system; but if a University with a Senate be established which has no identity with any one College, and is not therefore the instrument to build up one College to the exclusion of all others, it will only consider what is best for University education at large, irrespective of any one College. And this is the true position and proper duty of a Provincial Senate. It is not its province to fill the halls of a particular College by every appliances of reductions,\* options, scholarships, prizes, abolition of fees,

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\* The repeated assertions of Mr. Langton, echoed by Dr. Wilson, that the standard of admission and course of studies in Toronto University are not lower than those in the English and Irish Universities being so contrary to the whole body of facts and illustrations adduced in the preceding letters, cannot be reconciled with sincerity, except upon the ground that they were meant *relatively* and not *absolutely*; that is, that the Toronto University standard