

Charter or by Act of the Canadian Parliament, but they are also expressly recognized in the statute law of the country. The University Act of 1853 gives them a prominent position and confers upon them certain rights, along with the Institutions for which that Act specially provides; the amendment to the Grammar School Act passed in 1865 makes their graduates eligible for election to the office of Headmaster in our Grammar Schools; and the Medical Act for Upper Canada passed in 1865 secures professional privileges to their graduates. The country, therefore, does by its legislation, as well as by a general acknowledgment, accept the work performed by these Institutions; and, in accepting their work, endorses their character as efficient, active, and serviceable in the dissemination of the knowledge of literature, science, and art. Why should the Government place a number of educational establishments in the same category as respects character, and on the same footing as respects work, and withhold pecuniary assistance from all of them save one? Why should that one, situated in the great centre of wealth and population, be allowed, without control or restraint, until financial difficulties begin to beset it,* to consume a magnificent endowment the benefit of which is by law intended to be shared in by the others?

V. WORK DONE.

In the time during which these Institutions have been in existence, that is, for the oldest of them, upwards of a quarter of a century, many hundreds of young men have received, in connection with them, the advantages of a liberal, superior education and Collegiate training, and a large proportion have graduated in the various non-theological Faculties. These alumni belong to every part, class, creed, and nationality, and many of them occupy positions of honour and usefulness, throughout the Province. But for the facilities afforded by sectional Colleges, it is probable that the majority of them would never have become students. At these Institutions they acquired the advanced education by which they have been fitted for professional life. It is undeniable that by their going forth, year by year, from the Academic class-room to the varied avocations of which they have made choice, the country has gained incalculably in respect of intelligence, enterprize, and general progress.

* See returns of receipts and expenditure of Toronto University and University College to an address of the Legislative Assembly, of date 14th February last.