

said so? But it is better late than never, and we hope they will have the courage to support their convictions. They may rest assured that they will have the Masters at their back.

UPPER CANADA COLLEGE.

MR. CROOKS has submitted to the Legislature a special Report on this subject, from which we cull the following:—63,996 acres were granted for the maintenance of Upper Canada College from the amount originally intended to endow a University. The total annual income from the endowment fund is now \$15,137, and the revenue from fees \$10,000. The total annual expenditure is \$23,616, of which \$16,168 goes for salaries. In 1879-1880, the total attendance was 282, of which number 139 came from Toronto; from other parts of Ontario, 130; from Quebec, 6; United States, 5; other places, 2. The University Scholarship and Honor lists shew that the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes have been gaining rapidly on Upper Canada College. A list is given shewing the high positions that have been held by *élèves* of the College. Considering that Upper Canada College is, and has been, an aristocratic and plutocratic hot-bed, it is not surprising that this list is a goodly one. The Masters' salaries are enough to make an ordinary High School Master's mouth water—Principal's salary, \$2,760, with a residence worth, we should say, over \$400 a year; Classical master, \$1,696, with a residence, and so on through a most appetizing list. Extras, as usual, are in a most flourishing condition.

The Report shews that a much larger proportion of the Upper Canada College pupils are in Classics than of the High Schools, and Mr. Crooks makes a point of this in behalf of the College, forgetting that no options are allowed at the College, whereas such are in operation in the High Schools, and the Intermediate from which inflection Upper Canada College is free, is positively injurious to classical studies.

A number of other differences are pointed out in the Report to which we cannot here

refer, but we shall put the whole case before our readers in our next issue. We print this month, however, an extract from a letter addressed to the *Mail* by Mr. Fessenden, of Napance. We may say, in passing, that in our opinion the endowment should be returned to our impoverished Provincial University.

The point to be decided is this: Is it best for the interests of secondary education in Ontario that so large a sum should be paid from the Provincial funds for the support of one High School? Those who say that it is, base their opinion upon the following propositions:—

- (1) A Provincial High School is required.
- (2) Upper Canada College is a Provincial High School.
- (3) The sum expended in its support would not materially aid the County High Schools if distributed among them.

It is not difficult to shew that all three propositions are untrue. A Provincial college is required, and no friend of education will grudge the money spent in maintaining University College; but whatever may have been the case years ago, at present the County High Schools and Collegiate Institutes are quite capable of doing the work of secondary education, and they are doing it. The results of the matriculation examinations in our colleges prove that most conclusively. As to the second proposition, Upper Canada College is a Provincial High School in only one respect. It is supported from Provincial funds, but it does not do Provincial work. Of its three hundred pupils fully two-thirds come from Toronto and Yorkville. It thus saves Toronto the expense of enlarging its Collegiate Institute to double its present capacity, but it saves the other towns and cities of the Province nothing at all.

With regard to the last proposition; the building and grounds of the College are worth probably \$200,000, which, at five per cent., would yield an annual income of \$10,000; the sum annually received from Provincial sources is fully \$20,000; there would therefore be a total of \$30,000 a year rendered available if the school were closed. This, distributed among the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes, would allow about \$300 a year each, a sum that would be of great use to all, and would be the means of changing some from inferior to first-class schools. Any High School Master or High School Trustee will understand the importance of an addition of \$300 a year to the Government grant.