

world's goods were bountifully provided, at the public charge, with tuition, with books, and even with food. How far this truly scandalous system has been amended we know not. We find, however, on Mr. Cockburn's testimony, [234] that even still, three boys, the sons of well-salaried Masters, obtain free tuition. Though it is not stated in the accounts that the present Principal of U. C. College obtains "supplies" from the College Boarding House, it is most distinctly stated [235] that in 1867 he received out of the Board dues \$336 34, and the difference between receiving from the Boarding House \$336 34 in cash, and receiving from the same source the same amount in the form of "supplies" is, we confess, a difference quite invisible to us.

AN OASIS IN THE DESERT!

If the Accounts of the U. C. College Boarding House for the various years were stated in minute detail, they would furnish some perhaps instructive, and certainly many amusing items. Stated even in the gross as they are now, the effects of contrasts is sometimes truly laughable. Thus, in the Accounts for 1855, [236] the total amount paid for bread was \$422 40, while for the same year the amount paid for vegetables was no less than \$602 50; worse still was the disproportion for the previous year: [237] "Bread, flour, etc., \$210 45; Vegetables, \$521 50." It appears that turnips in those days constituted the favorite refection at the table of U. C. College. For this fact we are indebted to certain of the pupils who remember even still, with a tinge of bitterness, the prominence given, in the College exercises, to the study of the *Terrestrial Globes*. In view of this circumstance, taken in connection with the contrasts above observed; we are irresistibly reminded of the state of Sir John Falstaff's Account-Current with his favorite tavern, and we involuntarily exclaim, "O monstrous! but one half-penny worth of bread to this intolerable deal of turnips!" It is a principle in popular philosophy,—although the adage, owing to its brevity, is not to be found in the proverbial poet; Tupper,—that it is impossible to extract the vital fluid from a turnip! Let us trust that, for their own peace of mind, the College boys placed no confidence in proverbs! While traversing the arid waste of U. C. College Accounts, we would fain tarry amid the immense expanse of verdure implied in such items as the above, but there still remains an important portion of our journey unaccomplished.

COMPARATIVE COST OF U. C. COLLEGE AND THE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

In view of certain particulars above supplied, it would be an insult to the Universities of this and of the Lower Provinces to classify U. C. College among them. We shall, however, for a moment, flatter the vanity of Mr. Cockburn by contrasting together their relative expenditures. Well, what is the result? A writer to whom we have once before been

234 Mr. Christie's Return, page 17.

235 Ibid, page 16.

236 Bursar's Statements and Accounts for 1855.

237 Ditto for 1854.