

with a grander idea of Creation, but still as far removed from the conception of the grandeur of Creation, feeling more truly than ever,

With God 'tis one  
To guide a sunbeam or create a sun—  
To rule ten thousand worlds or none.

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### UNIVERSITY CONSOLIDATION.

IT would seem as though some advocated University consolidation on the ground that it is according to "the fitness of things," that the educational system of Ontario should culminate in one grand central university. "Our Public Schools," say they, "are under central control, our High Schools have uniform examinations, one central board grants certificates to our teachers, and why not have uniformity of graduation in all our colleges?"

Now, while this may sound very fine in theory, what is there either in our own or any other country to show that such a system would be the best in practice? Where has such a system been successfully tried? Certainly not in England, much less in Germany, while the course pursued in the United States seems still further removed from such centralization and consolidation. Unless the advocates of unification are able to plead something more substantial than a beautiful sentiment, the denominational universities are not likely to resign their Charters.

But it is claimed that, with one great institution, Canada would be able to give her sons at home what they must now seek abroad. We question very much whether consolidation would have any such result.

If, as a Montreal daily advocates, there be a consolidation of colleges as well as universities, not only would the classes in the various departments become unwieldy, but the healthy rivalry of colleges would be lost. Now, both in Canada and abroad the competition among the several institutions is un-