

effect to their scheme and place the Institution upon a permanent and proper basis. The City School Board has undertaken to provide the teaching staff, and it is hoped that everything will be in readiness for actual work by the 1st of July, 1884.

The Industrial Society has before them, both as a guide and a stimulus, the work of Industrial Education in other countries. In Great Britain especially, there are hundreds of flourishing Industrial Schools, and it is stated that from 80 to 90 per cent. of the pupils have been successfully reclaimed from vice and crime. In the Annual Report, for instance, of the Oldmill Reformatory School and Aberdeen House of Industry and Refuge for 1880 we find carefully tabulated statistics from 1857 to 1880, showing that of 567 discharges from the School only three came under the head of "incurable," and that the subsequent career of the boys was most encouraging—less than one hundred in all these years being convicted of crime.

We have good reason to congratulate ourselves that the good work is begun in Ontario. It can hardly fail to be successful. Under the system dirt and rags will give way to soap and corduroy, the Artful Dodger will give up Fagin's School for the Industrial, the dime novel will be supplanted by the text-book, and the priggish hand in search of a pocket will become deft in turning a good furrow or it may be in making a good shoe.

#### PRINCIPAL GRANT AND TORONTO UNIVERSITY.

We find no difficulty in giving a place to Dr. Grant's address at the recent Convocation of Queen's University. With many of the learned Principal's views we are happy to find ourselves in accord, but from his opinions upon the question of the desirability of further State aid to the Provincial University and College we entirely dissent. Into the controversy occasioned by his address, a controversy, in one or two conspicuous instances, grievously marred by a departure from the courtesy that should obtain amongst scholars, we have no desire at present to further than to observe that it seems

to us that the position taken by those that hold that the Provincial University is the legitimate child of the State, and should be supported by its parent the State, is impregnable. The question of further aid to Toronto University involves the whole question of State education from the Public School to the University. The State has long since provided the machinery for meeting the law of growth in the Primary and Secondary Education, and it is hardly necessary to remind the enemies of Toronto University that the machinery is not of the subscription list, hat-passing, and "trencher fury" kind. It is ludicrous and absurd to propose a plan for the University that would not apply equally well to the Secondary and Primary Education of the Province. There is, as everyone knows, provision in the Statute Book for the expression of private benevolence towards public education. The channel has indeed been provided, but the fountain refuses to flow. The trinity of Liberty, Fraternity, and Equality needs now more than ever the help of the State trinity of Primary, Secondary, and University education. The safety of the national system of education is surely not to be left to the tender mercies of certain ecclesiastics, who, strangely enough, find their only unity in opposing the system which is a standing menace to denominationalism no less than to bigotry and intolerance. Laymen would be glad to see the various branches of the Christian Church devoting their energies to producing a copious supply of well-furnished theologians and not to dissipating their energies in merely secular work.

There are not wanting signs that the Christian Church is waking up to its duty. We have a shrewd suspicion if it were not for the activity of some of the clergy the churches would gladly abandon the work of secular education and confine themselves to the salvation of mankind. Even the clergy need to be reminded occasionally that Christ's kingdom is not of this world.

Meantime Principal Grant has done Toronto University signal service. He has not only for the present defined his own position but he has given occasion to others to define theirs also by their readiness to dig up the