

improve the secondary education of the country. We ought to have in Ontario a dozen first-rate High Schools. I would not like to say how many or how few we have, for what I wish to point out at present is that it does not follow because an institution is Provincial it should therefore be wholly and unconditionally supported by the Province. The grant to the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes, though comparatively trifling in amount, is conditioned by results, by the sum contributed by the county or city, or by fees or otherwise, by the number of teachers employed, and other factors. A year or two ago, University College recognized the principle I am now pointing out by imposing class fees of \$20 a year.

May it not take one or two more steps on the same line? May it not appeal to the citizens of Toronto? May it not appeal to those graduates who were educated in the Consulship of Plancus? Should it not cease to take money for Scholarships out of its endowment? May it not raise its fees to something like the standard in other countries? There is nothing peculiarly sacred in its present rate of \$20 a year. Scottish students are poorer in purse than Canadian, yet the class fees in the national universities of Scotland average \$50 a year, and the fact that the number of students is much greater in Scotland in proportion to population, shows that such fees exclude none who are determined to obtain a university education. Indeed I would vote for putting up such a fence in the hope that it would keep some men from coming to college. I want no men at college unless they have minds, and a mind to work. Men with such minds can earn money more easily in Canada than in Scotland. Again, Upper Canada College is as well endowed relatively to its sphere, as University College, yet its fees are \$50 a year. If the boys have to pay \$50, why not the aspiring and ambitious young men? In a word, the Province has done a great deal for University College, and some of us think that it is in order now that the persons and places that have benefitted most should do a little. The Province has given half a million for buildings and a million for endowment. My friends call you that little? I wish we had as much. And we have done something. How much have you done?

3. I quite agree with "A Toronto Graduate," that "higher education cannot safely and advantageously be left to denominational effort." I think the Legislature acted wisely in determining at the outset that there should be at least one college in Ontario well equipped. If all the people had patronized that college till its class-rooms were filled, the Province would have been called upon, as the population increased, not to pamper and overload the one, but to establish another college and then another in different centres; but at least one-half of the people preferred to establish colleges on what they conceived a grander ideal. They did so, not for mere denominational ends, as is ignorantly asserted, but from the highest public motives. Those men were among the noblest that ever lived in this great Province. Read the list of our founders, if you would know what manner of men they were. Their names are inscribed in the Capitol. They did their work with a view to the best interests of the country. Such voluntary activity should be encouraged in a highly organized society. The less that "the state" is called upon to do the better. Doubtless the men who gave its constitution to Toronto University also acted in the public interest. And I say that the country is richer from possessing both kinds of institutions. Its educational life is fuller, more varied and more independent. Every one but the fanatics, who would reduce all life to the pattern of their own brickyard, will agree with me in this. Well, is the actual history of the country not to be recognized? If the University question is to be reopened, is it to be settled by half of the people who desire one type of collegiate education getting it at the expense of the other half who have built, patiently, and at their own charge, after what they believe to be a superior type? I leave such a question to be answered by the common sense of the people. I leave it to the sense of justice, with which I willingly credit my critics. Having been asked to consider the position of

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