

6. The Roman Catholic Church has made Kingston the principal seat of their educational operations in Upper Canada, for which purpose it is admirably fitted by its central situation, and the easy access to it from all parts of the Province. Should Queen's College be given up, as a Literary Institution, there would be no Protestant College in the whole vast distance from Montreal to Cobourg: and thus the whole of the superior education of those large sections of country, of which Kingston is the natural capital, would be made over to a Roman Catholic Seminary.

7. The manner in which the new measure has been received by the country gives no hopes of its ultimate success. All the most numerous and influential denominations have declared themselves most decidedly opposed to its principle. The adherents of the Church of Scotland, especially, look upon it with suspicion and dislike. Indeed, a measure so utterly opposed to Christianity, and so repugnant to the principles and practise of Presbyterianism, could never be expected to secure their confidence. The Church of Scotland has always held that education, from its lowest to its highest stage, ought to be founded on religion, upon which all the real prosperity of individuals and nations depends. And there is reason to believe, that not only the members of that Church, but many parents who belong to other denominations, will prefer sending their children to Queen's College, rather than to one where every vestige of religion is proscribed, and is studiously and purposely rejected.

The Royal Charter granted to King's College, and the endowments therewith connected, having been given expressly "for the instruction of youth in the principles of the Christian Religion," as well as in Arts and Faculties, it is held by many, whose opinions are entitled to attention, that the endowment cannot be LEGALLY or CONSTITUTIONALLY diverted from that purpose, such a change not being an amendment, but a subversion of the Charter. But leaving this to be determined by more competent authority, *our* duty is clear. Whatever other Protestant denominations may see it proper to do in the present crisis, it seems to be the imperative duty of the Trustees of Queen's College and of the Ministers and members of the Presbyterian Church in this land, to maintain, to the utmost of their ability, an Institution so important to the Church and to the whole country, and to extend, in every possible way, its means of usefulness, that so there may be in this great Province at least one University where Literary and Scientific Instruction shall be combined with Religion; where the Divine blessing is daily implored upon the labours of Professors and Students; and where Divine Truth is revered as the best and highest object of contemplation for the human mind, and the surest guide in the conduct of life.