

Hence, many youths prosecuted their studies, and completed those studies and do so still, in Literary Institutions in various parts of the Province, to whom the Law *v. e.*, the present University Law says it is just and right to afford encouragement in the prosecution of their scholastic labours

Therefore, in accordance with that just and right purpose, and with a view as we think to its being practically carried out, it was enacted, that any surplus of said University fund, remaining at the end of any year after defraying the expenses payable out of the same, shall constitute a fund, to be from time to time appropriated by Parliament for academical education in Upper Canada, Vict., chap. 89, page 328, Stat. of C., 1853, clause 54.

Hence we maintain that Victoria College, being a regularly incorporated College, a college affording a high literary training to hundreds of the youth of the Province, a college struggling under financial difficulties, has a just claim to a share of that Surplus Fund; but up to the present day, not the smallest part of that fund has ever been given to that Institution. We claim a part of that fund, not for sectarian purposes, but because *we are doing a great educational work*, and because, as a community, second to none in our number and in our efforts to promote and defend all the interests of the country, we have an indisputable right to a share of the munificent University endowment, an endowment not designed for the exclusive benefit of a very limited number of the people, but for the good of the whole of the population of the country.

That generous and patriotic design has been thwarted by the exclusive spirit, and as we think the unjust and extravagant expenditure of those who had the control of this fund. We need not present a stronger proof of the truth of this complaint, than that which is furnished in the fact, that up to the year 1857, no less than one million and a quarter of dollars had been expended on one collegiate institution in the city of Toronto. To this enormous sum, the expenditure of 1858 and '59 (which, for some reason, has not yet been given to the public) must be added. When this is done, there will be ample proof, that one of the most splendid educational endowments, in the world, is being frittered away to gratify a few College Monopolists, instead of being invested and employed as was intended, to improve and benefit the whole community.

The undersigned therefore respectfully and earnestly requests, on behalf of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, that your honorable committee will give to this subject your most careful attention, and, in your wisdom, devise some plan by which the evils complained of may be speedily remedied.

The Revd. Doctor *Ryerson* addressed the Committee on the part of complainant.

On motion of Hon. Mr. *Foley*,

Ordered,---That the statements of the Rev. Doctors *Cook* and *Stinson* be printed for the use of the Committee.

On motion of Mr. *Wilson*,

Ordered,---That the Clerk do summon the Revd. *George Weir*, Professor of University of Queen's College, Kingston; and that he also be telegraphed, for his immediate attendance.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a m.

Friday, 30th March.

COMMITTEE MET.

Present :

Honorable Mr. CAMERON,	Chairman,
do	" BROWN,
do	" STINSON,
do	" FOLEY,
do	" CAYLEY,
do	" WILSON,
do	" McCANN.