

time, should have their union broken up. -And lastly, let us imagine that the Baptists—powerful, respectable, and united, as they now are, should be split into those separate denominations and sects which exist in the United States—the institutions belonging to them must of course be claimed by one side ; and we have only to carry the proposition a little further, and to suppose that a second institution grows up in the hands of those who are hostile—upon what principle of justice would it be that public aid should be refused to the second? They could press the Legislature and urge their claims with an equal degree of eloquence and argument as the party claiming the public endowment already given. By this principle the number of Colleges may be indefinite and endless.

But, Sir, in all countries—young or old ; but especially in the former, success, and eminence, and prosperity in public objects arise from concentration and union. We speak in these colonies of the want of numbers ; and yet, Sir, it is obvious that we are about introducing a principle into the education of the country, where an increase of population is only to lead to disunion and weakness—as we increase, our divisions must be greater.

Again, what is it that in the old country renders the contest so fierce, and creates such broad lines of demarcation, and such feelings of bitterness between the established Church and dissenters—between, for example, the Orangeman and the Catholic of Ireland. It is because the dominion of one is blended with questions involving the rights of property. Every good man at the present moment, laments the social disunion and prejudices which are fostered in Nova Scotia by political differences ; but, thank Heaven ! those springing from religious opinions are yet unknown. All sects exercise towards each other the kindness and forbearance of a christian brotherhood, and mingle in the closest social alliance. But let there be planted amongst us five or six Sectarian Colleges—each struggling for preëminence—each in want of necessary funds—each coming to the Legislature session after session with rival claims—and claims which the public treasury cannot meet—