

only four or five hundred, and it is actually proposed to do something more for those four or five hundred and to leave the others uncared for, so far as it is concerned. That proposal cannot be entertained.

If it be admitted that it is the duty of the State to see that the thousand be impartially provided for, the next question is, how? By an expensive or by an economical plan? The expensive way is for the State to undertake the whole work, and build two or three colleges, and provide for their equipment and maintenance. The economical way is to accept the situation that our history has made, and to utilize local and voluntary liberality.
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ON Christmas day Dr. Wardrope's youngest son, aged eighteen, was accidentally shot. Some of our students enjoy the reverend gentleman's personal acquaintance, others only know him, as one of the oldest and most distinguished graduates of Queen's, but all extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

THE Press is divided on the question of State Aid to University College, and the lines of division are pretty much what might be expected. The Methodist *Guardian*, the Methodist *Monthly*, and indeed every organ of the Methodist Church come out squarely against the proposal. So does the *Dominion Churchman*. The Toronto press as a whole is naturally in favor of the Toronto institution, just as the Kingston press is in favor of Queen's, and the Cobourg *World* in favor of Victoria. When the welfare of the city is concerned, the *Globe* and *Mail* are as intensely local as any village thunderer. The press in the cities and towns of Eastern Ontario, such as Ottawa, Brockville, Kingston, Picton, Belleville, and Peterboro, is on our side; and papers in such important cities of Western Ontario as Hamilton, St.

Catharines, Berlin, and Woodstock. Papers like the *Montreal Gazette* and *Herald* have also written very ably against the exclusive claims of one college. So far as we have seen, few papers outside of Toronto have championed the cause of the institution that loves to dub itself "the Provincial University."

THE following, from the *Eskdale and Liddesdale Advertiser*, Langholm, Scotland, needs no comment:—

COMPLIMENT TO THE MINISTER OF CANONBIE.—We understand that, some time ago, the students of the Rev. William Snodgrass, D. D., late Principal and Primarius Professor of Divinity, Queen's University, Kingston, Canada, resolved that a portrait of the learned doctor should be painted and hung in the Convocation Hall of that University, as a tribute of their respect for his personal worth, professional services, and energetic action in behalf of the interests of that colonial seat of learning. The work was entrusted to an Edinburgh artist, and it is now completed. The portrait is to be sent out to America in time to be unveiled in April next; but, before it is sent, the artist is anxious to afford the parishioners of Canonbie and others an opportunity of seeing it. Accordingly, it was arranged that the painting would be exhibited in Canonbie Public School on Tuesday, (New-Year's day), and on Wednesday and Thursday following from 11 to 3 o'clock.

SOME churches of the city have been unusually active of late. To relate the circumstances would be only to give our readers what has been provincial gossip for weeks past. We would, however, refer to this affair in connection with results which affect ourselves. At first it was considered best to let the excitement die a natural death, but students were brought so prominently before the public that more active measures had to be taken. The Missionary Association of Divinity Hall passed resolutions condemnatory of some practices now prevailing in the method of conducting church bazaars, socials, etc. The University Y. M. C. A., at a subsequent meeting, endorsed the stricture. Just here we do not pretend to pass