

ment at £15,000 per annum [much below what has been reported] the payment of £1,500 a year to each of ten staffs of Professors in ten Colleges in different parts of the province, and the Students from all those Colleges coming up for matriculation and degree examinations to one central body, would not do vastly more to promote liberal education in Upper Canada, than to spend the whole £15,000 a-year on one College in Toronto with one staff of professors?

But, on the other hand, suppose instead of a Provincial University, the system of various University Colleges be preferred,—as the present President of Toronto University College formerly contended—we ask, are not the other University Colleges in Upper Canada entitled to public aid as well as University College at Toronto? We leave those connected with other colleges to speak for themselves; but in respect to *Victoria College* we may say, that it was the first academy of learning erected in Upper Canada by voluntary effort; that its doors have ever been open to the pupils of all religious denominations with most scrupulous care of their morals and their rights as desired by their parents; that since 1834, it has educated some thousands of youth of various religious denominations, who are now engaged in almost every profession and employment in the country; that its students, with very few exceptions, like its teachings, have been characterized by sound knowledge, good sense, energy of character, love of country and religion, and an ardent zeal and effort to promote education and benevolent institutions; that it contains an admirable preparatory school for the elementary English and classical education of children; that it provides special courses of instruction for that considerable class of meritorious youth, and young men who cannot aspire to a University education, but who aim at more than a common school education, and require instruction in special branches for special employments; that it has prepared a very large number of this class of young men for respectable and useful pursuits in life; that it provides a thorough course of collegiate education, second to none in Upper Canada, evincive of which two of its students have been admitted *ad eundem* from its third year's course into the fourth year's course of the Toronto University College, proceeded to and took their degree of B. A. in the University of Toronto the same month they would have taken it had they remained in the University of Victoria College, and also a medical gentleman who received the whole of his literary education at Victoria College, and the whole of his medical education in the school of the Dean of the Medical Faculty of Victoria College, has been twice selected by the Toronto University over all the other Medical gentlemen in Upper Canada, as sole Examiner for the University in Anatomy