

Instead of confining the expenditure of funds to what the law prescribed—namely, the “current expenses,” and such “permanent improvements or additions to the buildings,” as might be necessary for the purposes of the University and University College,—new buildings have been erected at an expenditure of some hundreds of thousands of dollars, and the current expenses of the College have been increased far beyond what they were in former times of complaint and investigations on this subject.

Your Memorialists therefore submit, that in no respect have the liberal and enlightened intentions of the Legislature, in passing the University Act been fulfilled—a splendid but unjust monopoly for the City and College of Toronto having been created, instead of a liberal and elevated system, equally fair to all the colleges of the country.

A Provincial University should be what its name imports, and what was clearly intended by the Legislature—a body equally unconnected with, and equally impartial to every college in the country; and every college should be placed on equal footing in regard to public aid *according to its works*, irrespective of place, sect, or party. It is as unjust to propose, as it is unreasonable to expect, the affiliation of several colleges in one University except on equal terms. There have been ample funds to enable the Senate to submit to the government a comprehensive and patriotic recommendation to give effect to the liberal intentions of the Legislature in the accomplishment of these objects, but the Senate has preferred to become the sole patron of one college to the exclusion of all others, and to absorb and expend the large and increasing funds of the University instead of allowing any surplus to accumulate for the general promotion of academical education, as contemplated and specifically directed by the Statute. Not only has the annual income of the University endowment been reduced some thousands of pounds per annum by vast expenditures for the erection of buildings not contemplated by the Act, but a portion of those expenditures is for the erection of lecture-rooms, &c., for the Faculties of which the Act expressly forbids the establishment!

But whilst your Memorialists complain that the very intentions of this Act have thus been disregarded and defeated, we avow our desire to be the same now as it was more than ten years ago, in favor of the establishment of a Provincial University, unconnected with any one college or religious persuasion, but sustaining a relation of equal fairness and impartiality to the several religious persuasions and colleges, with power to prescribe the curriculum to examine candidates, and confer degrees, in the Faculties of Arts, Law and Medicine.

We also desire that the University College at Toronto should be