

why should they aim at, why should they attempt such a thing? In Scotland, England, and Ireland, these denominations, or at least those of them that are beyond the pale of the Establishment, have never attempted such an undertaking, and are perfectly satisfied when the Students, before they enter the Theological Hall, produce their certificates of attendance on the Philosophical Classes in any of the National Universities, even though they have not the shadow of control over these Universities. Even the New College of Edinburgh, erected at an enormous expense by the munificent liberality of a few friends of the Free Church of Scotland, does not profess to be anything more than an Ecclesiastical Institution, though unquestionably, in this respect, the most complete of any in Great Britain. And surely it were preposterous, in a young country like this, for any one of these denominations to aim at anything more.

We have taken no notice of the Academies that have, with creditable zeal, been set agoing by some of these denominations, supported partly by their own funds, and partly by Provincial Grants, with the view of remedying the want of preparatory training for a home-manufactured Ministry, simply because, in our opinion, these Academies are nothing more than Grammar Schools, and even some of them scarcely entitled to that appellation. Here too, we often find one Teacher, compelled, as the Professors in the Colleges are, to act the Encyclopaedist, and to travel over the whole range of Education, from the English Grammar up to the Differential Calculus; and how is it possible that such an individual can do justice either to himself or his pupils? To meet the exigencies of the case, these Academies would require to be furnished and conducted after the model of the Gymnasias in Germany, one of which has been attempted, with considerable success, at Aberdeen, Scotland, *i. e.*, they would require to occupy a kind of intermediate place, between the best managed Grammar Schools, and the Colleges. The Academy at Pictou, and Dalhousie College, Halifax, according to its present arrangement, approximate to these Gymnasias. But these are no longer identified with any denomination of Christians, and, therefore, do not at present come under our consideration. On the whole, we aver that there is nothing in this Province in the shape of an Institution for the higher departments of Literature and Philosophy, and until the Legislature boldly and independently undertake the establishment of such an Institution, without any *prestige* or preference given to any religious body, the whole common and general Education of the country, even with the best concocted Legislative enactments, will continue in a dwarfish condition, and the youth of our population, entering the varied learned professions, be-

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