

three thousand a year more productive of good, than the six thousand has hitherto been.

In 1815, a law was passed, incorporating a Society in the Midland District, to be named the School Society of that portion of the Province, principally for the purpose of establishing a School on the principles of Bell and Lancaster. The Society has built a good School house, and taken much pains to bring their object to perfection, but owing to causes, over which the members had no controul, the School though useful, has failed in producing all the good that might have been expected.

A modification of the whole system of education, embracing the common and District Schools, and a College at York, the seat of Government, was introduced by his Honor the Chief Justice, into the Legislative Council, in 1817. In this scheme, there was a judicious gradation. A way was opened for the most promising boys to rise from the common to the District Schools, and from these to the College; by which, the means of obtaining a liberal education was offered to the youth of the whole Province, and such assistance given to a few distinguished young men, as would enable them to proceed without becoming a burden to their friends. This project failed in the House of Assembly, from an unwillingness to disturb the common School Bill, which had been only one year in operation; but as this law expires next year, some alterations may be expected to take place on reviving it, which may render it more liberal and efficient, and, at the same time, be accompanied with a very considerable diminution of expence.

In aid of what the wisdom of the Legislature may continue to bestow upon the education of youth, something may soon be looked for from the reservation of the waste lands of the Crown.

It is, indeed, rumoured, that a University is going to be immediately established, depending upon these lands for its support and future extension. The character of the present Lieutenant Governor, who has nothing more anxiously at heart than the promotion of religion and education throughout the Province, gives currency to this rumour.

The plan said to be in agitation is, to establish, as soon as practicable, a College at the seat of Government, to consist, from the first, of a Principal or President, and three Professors; these gentlemen to give two or three