

To confine to one particular *place* the means of a higher education, appears no less injudicious and impolitic, than unjust. A country of such immense extent, and increasing so rapidly in population, most assuredly requires more than one University. To require all the youth of the Province to travel to Toronto to obtain education, is, in fact, to pass sentence of exclusion against the greater part of them. Even in countries of far less extent, it is found indispensable to establish Universities in many different localities: as, for example, in Scotland, where four Universities have long existed, and are all fully attended. Already the population of this country is equal to that of Scotland when her four Universities were established, and we cannot doubt that Canada will, at no very distant day, number a population far exceeding that which Scotland even now contains.

4. There is every reason to fear that, if Queen's College were to cease operations as to its literary and philosophical department, the progress of nearly all those young men, who are now studying with a view to the Ministry, would be stopped. Of these there are now nearly twenty, in different stages of advancement. Many of them, from different causes could not attend at Toronto. At Queen's College every possible exertion is made to render attendance as cheap as possible to students for the Presbyterian Church. They are entirely exempted from class fees, not only at the Divinity classes, but from the very commencement of their college course; and the boarding establishment while possessing every needful comfort, is conducted with such strict economy, that the expenses of the students per session amount only to a very moderate sum. The time of attendance is so arranged as to permit young men to teach, or be otherwise employed, during the summer. None of these advantages could be expected by them at the University of Toronto; the full amount of fees and dues would be exacted; they would have to board themselves in as expensive a manner as other students; and the times of attendance are such as to prevent any other occupation; so that none could attend but those who possess independent means, or whose friends are able to maintain them during the whole college course. Besides all this, the bursaries, now pretty numerous, granted by individuals or bodies interested in the welfare of the Presbyterian Church, would, in many cases, not be given to students attending an Institution like the University of Toronto, in which these individuals or bodies might not place any confidence.

5. The number of students at Queen's College, and the almost certain probability of further increase, ought to induce us to maintain it. After the secession in 1844, only ten students attended—the number now is thirty-five, and the number anticipated next Session is fifty. The increase in the Preparatory School, which may be safely regarded as an indication of the future increase of the College, is most encouraging. In 1846, when the school re-opened there were but six scholars. The number now attending is fifty, nearly all engaged in such studies as will fit them for College; and from this source alone a constant annual influx of well prepared students may be expected. The fact that we can now point to upwards of eighty, and probably next Session to one hundred, of the youth of this Province, enjoying the benefits of a superior education, in connection with Queen's College, must undoubtedly tend to give the Institution very strong claims on the assistance of the Legislature, and the countenance of the community generally.

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