

It is possible that a professor might be found capable of taking the two last, reducing the number to *seven*; but this is not desirable. In the present extended and advanced state of these various subjects, it is not to be expected that one man can do justice to more than one of them.

Now, it is hardly necessary to say that there is not the slightest prospect that, within a reasonable time, any one of the existing colleges can supply what is, certainly, the minimum of professorial chairs for an efficient university in this, the latter half of the nineteenth century. Undoubtedly, a large amount of most valuable instruction, and an admirable course of intellectual training, are given at such an institution as King's College; but it cannot be denied that the great majority of those who might, do not avail themselves of its advantages, and that it still falls much short of what a university, in the present day, ought to be.

The waste of power in thus attempting several colleges is ruinous. We have four or five professors of classics, where one might amply suffice for the wants of this province for many years. When we do need *two*, we should like to see them, not in separate colleges, but giving greater strength and efficiency to the same university—one for Latin, the other for Greek, as is usual in all the British colleges. While we have thus several professors of classics, in different places, each spending his time and talents and the college means on some ten or twelve students (if so many), there is only one professor of chemistry in the whole province, no professor of *history*, no professor of *comparative grammar* and the *English language and literature*, and no professor of *geology*.*

* In the present very extended state of these sciences, it is impossible that any one man can do justice to the three *valuable* subjects, chemistry, geology, organic science. These form four distinct chairs in almost every European college of modern foundation—chemistry, botany, zoology, and geology. The professor should not have his mind distracted with too many subjects. This is a point of no small importance, as may be judged from the advanced state of scientific knowledge, and the numerous separate professorships in all newly established colleges.