

hitherto been attainable, and that unless opportunities were immediately afforded for the instruction of youth in the higher branches of literature and science, we should be unable creditably to fulfil the various duties to which, by our rank in society, we may reasonably aspire ; with your characteristic promptitude the foundation of Upper Canada College was determined upon, and in little more than *two years* this Institution was placed in successful operation.

In giving us the means so eminently calculated to raise the standard of classical literature in this Province, we are happy to observe, that the more generally useful, though less ornamental, branches of education were not sacrificed to those suited to a more polished and refined state of society.

Your Excellency, by presenting an annual Prize to the College, for which many of us have contended, has, we are confident, contributed much to that generous spirit of emulation which, generally, in its effects, is so highly beneficial to the pupils of a public institution.

From the character Upper Canada College has attained under your Excellency's kind and munificent patronage, it must ever remain an imperishable monument of the wisdom of your Excellency's Government.

On this interesting occasion we cannot but again express to your Excellency our unfeigned regret at your approaching departure from this Province ; and while you leave in our hearts a grateful recollection of the noble boon you have bestowed upon us, in establishing the College at which we have received