

tended in the past for the deliverance of King's College, now the University of Toronto, from denominational control, have marked, with much solicitude, the progress of the attempt now made to divide a portion of its endowment among the various denominational Colleges."

They earnestly protest against such an application of the surplus funds :-

1. Because, dealing with denominations as such, on the part of the government, has been proved, by all experience, to be a source of temptation and injury to both.

2. Because, the claim set forth by denominational institutions for a monopoly, or a vast superiority, of moral and religious influence, is unsupported by facts.

3. Because, if the sectarian principle is once admitted, aid must be granted to every denomination alike, or injustice will be done to those passed by; and thus the number of institutions claiming aid will be so large, that the amount available for each out of the surplus University income, can be but insignificant.

4. Because, in consequence of such a multiplication of claimants, the surplus being found insufficient, a demand will next arise, in all probability, for the reduction of the amount granted to the unsectarian institution, a process tending to its eventual destruction.

5. Because, it will be impossible to maintain a large number of such establishments in any degree of efficiency.

6. Because, virtually the State will thus be made to contribute to the theological training of the ministers of the several churches.

7. Because various christian denominations, among whom we take our place, cannot, from conscientious conviction, avail themselves of government aid in any form, and the distribution will thus become unequal.

8. Because it is a great advantage to the youth of a country, of different churches, to mingle together during the period of their education: and

9. Because, there are numerous other unobjectionable methods by which the surplus funds can be "appropriated by parliament for academical education in Upper Canada."

THE REV. W. F. CLARKE'S EXPLANATIONS.

During the afternoon of Saturday, Mr. Clarke gave explanations relative to the contributions for the chapel in Victoria, V. I. In his statement, he referred to the fact of his designation to the mission in Vancouver, at the time of the Union meeting last year: to the resolution passed at that meeting on his behalf, as going forth to British Columbia; and to the contributions of the churches for the chapel in Victoria, as circumstances requiring a statement from him why he had returned to Canada. He then entered on some of the particulars in the history of the stand he had taken for the rights of the coloured man in the house of God, which are already well known to the readers of the *Canadian Independent*. In these circumstances and with these views, he felt that he had no alternative but to return and seek, if possible, a sphere of labour in Canada. He had not acted hastily, but thoughtfully and prayerfully. The ground and building were sold to the Anglican Bishop for a Collegiate School; and after paying off encumbrances upon the property, there was left a balance of six hundred dollars. The money sent by the Canadian churches had come back, and now waited the directions of the donors as to its disposal. He would not have appealed to the Canadian churches for this collection if he had thought he should not be sustained by the Society.