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the giving of aid by the Ontario Government to universities that are denominational and not strictly provincial, and not controlled by the Government and responsible to the Government for their expenditures."

THE HON. GEORGE BROWN'S VIEW.

This is undoubtedly the sound position to take, and it is a position in keeping with the conclusions unanimously arrived at by all parties in 1868, when it was thought that the question of duplication and multiplication of colleges was finally settled. One of the greatest champions of the Provincial University, the Hon. George Brown, upon that occasion, after expressing great satisfaction at the settlement referred to, pointed out the fallacious nature of such claims. He said: "It is claimed that aiding these institutions is a cheap way of promoting superior education; but depend upon it, this claim to economy is fallacious. One body comes saying, 'Look how numerous we are, what a capital college we maintain, there is no sectarianism about its teaching, give us public money for it.' But, if one sect gets public money, all the rest must have it too; and if all the rest will have it, where will this end!"

I may say, in conclusion, that the immediate occasion of the writing of this article was my desire to inform the Alumni regarding the question of the proposed University School of Forestry. The discussion of this I have found impossible without reference to the wider question with which it is inseparably connected. It is my earnest hope that the information and arguments which I have here presented may assist the Alumni and the Legislature in arriving at a conclusion which will be in the public interest.
