

cated peasant or artizan has given us, is nothing compared with what we owe to the highly educated class; the latter, too, a mere fraction, in point of numbers, compared with the uneducated classes. If this was true formerly, when the spoils to be gathered lay on or near the surface, how much more must it be the case now, when he who would find treasures must dig deep; when so vast an amount of knowledge has been accumulated in every department of literature and science, which must be known and built upon by those who would add to the structure?

The great educational want of this Province is a University in its capital, with a full complement of professorships, to provide the most complete instruction on every useful subject, especially on the physical sciences; and, with *scholarships* or *bursaries*, to place this instruction within the reach of youth of talent and merit, who are unable to avail themselves of it from their own resources. Without some such institution the education of the country must be behind the age, and below the standard of that of other nations.

How such an institution is to be established and supported is, undoubtedly, a question of some difficulty. The Legislature may undertake it, as an important national work; the existing colleges may unite and form one efficient college in the capital; or the wealthy inhabitants may found and endow it, as was so often done in old times.\* That it will be done some day, in one or other of these ways, or by a combination of them, there can be little doubt. The sooner that day arrives, the sooner will Nova Scotia derive the full benefit of the genius of her sons and the treasures of her soil.

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\* In innumerable instances in the old world and in the United States, educational institutions have been endowed by the munificence of private individuals, who thought that superfluous stores of wealth might well be employed in the extension of the means of education and encouragement and advancement of learning. Such were William of Wykeham, George Heriot, Owens of Manchester, Girard of Philadelphia, &c.