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FEW men in Canada, if any, have exerted as great and beneficent influence on the higher education of the country as the Rev. Dr. Nelles. For over thirty years he has been the head of one of the most important educational institutions of this Province. It is a circumstance, we think, almost unique, that so young a man should be appointed to so important a charge. But he did not disappoint the high anticipations formed. Under his administration Victoria College has developed from a young and feeble institution, struggling with the difficulties incident to its establishment, to be one of the best equipped and efficient universities of the Dominion. He found it—says a biographical sketch in the *Canada School Journal*, which we largely adopt in this article—with a small staff of teachers, a limited attendance of students, and defective educational appliances, and greatly hampered in its operations for want of adequate financial support. As the result to a very great extent of his admirable management, it has now a large and efficient staff of professors, a numerous and rapidly increasing body of students, greatly improved facilities for imparting instruction, and a large endowment fund, a considerable portion of which has been paid up. Victoria College will, as long as it endures, remain a monument of the unwearied energy, indefatigable zeal, and rare tact which he has brought to the discharge of his duties.

Dr. Nelles is a native of Ontario, his birthplace being Mount Pleasant, in the vicinity of Brantford. He was born in 1823, and resided in the same neighbourhood till he was sixteen,