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SUBSTANCE OF THE LECTURE DELIVERED AT THE OPENING OF THE DIVINITY HALL
OF THE U. P. CHURCH, IN THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, TORONTO, AUGUST 1ST, 1854.

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Among the circumstances which have probably tended to limit our supply of students, we may mention next, the deficiency of means, in many parts of the Province, for attaining the necessary preparatory education. It is true there has been, for a long time, in Toronto, a classical academy, of a very high order (Upper Canada College.) But, in the first place, numbers were not in circumstances to come to the city and maintain themselves here, and pay, moreover, the ample fees demanded: and secondly, and chiefly, the kind of education there given is not precisely that most suitable for the generality of our students. Far be it from us to speak slightly of the advantages of a thorough classical education; but assuredly these advantages are not such as that most of our candidates for the ministry could wisely purchase them at the expense—we mean of time and of labour, rather than of money—at which alone they can be procured. Nothing can be more preposterous than the idea of a youth, turned probably of twenty, and with no language but his mother-tongue, commencing his studies, and devoting, we suppose, seven years to the minutæ of Latin and Greek prosody, and the details of heathen mythology, ancient geography and half-fabulous history. It is a much more brief, compendious, and withal more useful, preparatory course to which, generally speaking, our students must betake themselves. Now, we know that numbers have really found it difficult, situated as they have been, to get such preparatory training as they required. It is satisfactory to be able to say that this *desideratum* is in the way of being rapidly supplied. Grammar schools are