

colonies. Crises that tested the mettle of her government to its utmost confronted her again and again. Through all these she saw the throne pass triumphantly. She saw her kingdom make advances in arts, in science and in commerce such as overshadowed those of any previous century. Yet in the midst of this fiery trial the queen maintained the graces of a perfect womanhood, and it was because she loved her people with a woman's heart, and because she managed her great affairs with a woman's tact and skill, that millions of men of every colour and every clime would have poured out their blood like water in defence of her and her government and her throne. The woman's greatness established the administration of the queen.

And who can ever tell the worth of such a life? In days when a depraved taste demands that matters sacred to the eye of the Eternal shall become the topics of the street and the drawing-room, it is good to know that earth's greatest did not forget her duties as woman, as wife, as mother. While she was a peerless queen who never forgot nor neglected any of the duties of her royal place, she was true above all else to the duties in her home, to her children, and to her God.

THE University Question is misery in one respect that it acquaints a man with strange bedfellows. Such an unwelcome companion is the *Toronto World*, whose editor disposes of our request for provincial aid in his own choice English (1) by asserting that our claim to be undenominational is "fictitious" and a "mere subterfuge," and (2) by utterly ignoring the facts.

As to the first point Principal Caven's opinion is that the constitutional changes, already widely published and discussed, make Queen's entirely undenominational, and we leave it to the unbiassed reader whether Principal Caven or the *Toronto World* is the more likely to deal in fictions.

As to the second point the *World's* words are, that "there is no demand for a second state university," and that the province should not undertake "to establish a second

university" and "create a rival to its own institution, when the latter is struggling for very existence," and "will require double the sum now at its disposal or, \$120,000 additional per year to place it upon an equality with even the second rate United States' universities."

In one breath the *World* blows cold and hot; it smirches Toronto and unintentionally compliments Queen's. To the friends of Toronto it will be a surprise to find their college ranked with the awk and the dodo as illustrating the Darwinian law of the extinction of the unfittest; and it is a pleasure to us to hear that the province will never need a second state university. Certainly, so long as Queen's does the work it is now doing, the province will be saved the expense of establishing a university here in the east.

But, we submit, there is no proposal to establish a second state university. For years the Government has been using Queen's, built and sustained by private benefactions, in exactly the same way as it has been using Toronto. Let us repeat some of the facts for the *World's* benefit.

Queen's exists: it has been doing a share of the work of the province; it is annually doing a larger share; it has been undenominational in fact for years; it is now undenominational in constitution; its professors and students belong to all denominations; it is now recognized by the Government as a necessary factor in provincial education; according to the premier's own verbal statement it has the only mechanical laboratory in the province; it has been for years doing excellent work in technical instruction; its affiliated schools of mining and dairying are growing fast; its graduates in mining and engineering secure positions readily; it educates not "fool doctors, starved lawyers and ill-fed preachers," but able men and even leaders in these and other professions; we ask to be dealt with as the Government is dealing with other public and unsectarian institutions; we are not asking for money to keep the undertaker from the door; we are asking for a fair price for goods delivered and acknowledged by the recipients to be satisfactory.