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Why They Oppose It.

It is now coming to light why the denominational colleges are opposing further aid to the provincial university and college. They find their very existence at stake. The sensible men in the presbyterian, the methodist, and the anglican bodies are beginning to ask the question: Is it profitable to divert money into the teaching of literature, mathematics, and natural science, when that work is done better and for nothing by the state, and when the money now so misapplied for these purposes could be much more profitably spent in teaching divinity to their students, assisting struggling congregations, aiding missionary work?

If the baptists, the great mass of the presbyterians who look to Knox college, the evangelical anglicans, can get a better educated ministry by availing themselves of the provincial university for the scientific and literary training of their men for nothing, why can not the methodists and the high church anglicans, and the old-kirk presbyterians do likewise? The question can only be answered in one way.

And the promoters of the denominational colleges will find business men asking this question more and more when they come round on their collecting tours.

More than this, we must tell these gentlemen who without the slightest provocation have assumed such a hostile attitude toward the provincial university, that they have been to all intents and purposes raising money under false pretences. Their appeals have been invariably for money to teach theology, but nearly all that money has been diverted into the teaching of arts—into classics, mathematics and natural science, and even some of it into medicine. We must tell Dr. Grant that two cases have come under our notice of two presbyterians who subscribed several hundred dollars toward teaching divinity at Queen's but who consider that that money is being misapplied, and who are indignant that the principal of Queen's has been so indiscreet as to go out of his way to attack the provincial university. They did not give him the money for that purpose.

And Dr. Nelles should listen to the words of George Casey, M.P., both a methodist and a graduate of the provincial university, who can see no reason in the crusade that the principal of Victoria has lent himself to. Mr. Casey is one who happens to know both sides of the question, and his letter is therefore worthy of consideration.

Another thing that we must tell Dr. Grant, Dr. Nelles and Senator Allan, and that is this, that their claim of educating sixty per cent. of the graduates in Ontario against forty per cent. of the provincial university is not the fact, and that when the graduates of the provincial university are put over against those of the three denominational colleges—when regard is had for the scholastic ability of the men, of the positions they hold, of the service they are rendering the state, the contrast suggests anything but a corroboration of their claims.

And in all their writings on this subject the denominationalists have asked the public to take it for granted that they are giving as good an academic training to their men as the provincial college. They are doing nothing of the kind. The national institution is poorly enough equipped, but the others are much lower in the scale.

This is the straight and hard statement of the case, and if it is unpalatable to the sectarian crusaders against the university of Toronto they must blame themselves for provoking its utterance. Men in glass houses ought not to throw stones.

The Ancient Family of Ross.

The following unique obituary appeared among the death notices of the Globe the other day:

DIED.

ROSS—At Lochee, Dundee, Scotland, on the 22nd Oct., 1883, Mrs. Jane Ross, aged 78, only surviving sister of the late Rev. Andrew Ross of Cromarty and Dundee, and great grandaughter of George Ross, merchant and townsbroker of Gothenburgh, Sweden, and treasurer of the British factory of merchants there, youngest son of Andrew Ross of Sandwick, Ross-shire, and heir male of line and representative of the ancient Earls of Ross, whose daughter Euphain married John Randolph, Earl of Murray, and afterwards Robert, the second king of Scotland, and ancestor of the Stuartine line.

Just what Ross this Mrs. Jane is whose taking off at Lochee, Dundee, Scotland, has made the Globe so suddenly and desperately archæological will perhaps never be known on this side of the Atlantic owing to the vast number of Rosses in Canada, but there is little hazard in guessing that she was probably *the* Ross, the very old, identical and original Ross.

Her late lamented brother, the Reverend Andrew, seems to have been a Ross, too, —probably he was Ross from Rossville. It is comforting to know that the deceased also knows who her great grandfather was. He seems curiously enough to have been a Ross, too, and his given name seems to have been George. He had an eventful life, and was towns-broker (whatever that may be) of Gothenburg, Sweden. One wonders if he found it cold in so northerly a latitude, and indeed we hope that so important an historical mystery may not always remain obscure, but that some statement relative to this matter may yet be found stored away in the archives of the Ross family. If so, we hope no time will be lost in publishing it.

Then Mrs. Jane Ross' great-great-grandfather was evidently that Andrew Ross who was noted as being an "heir male in line," a high honor, as that kind of a male is not often met with now-a-days. He was also the representative of the ancient Earls of Ross, and these earls seem to have had a daughter named Euphain.

Euphain seems to have been a good, nice kind of a girl, a trifle of a flirt, perhaps, but kindhearted at bottom. She seems to have had a good many fathers, for the obituary states that she was a daughter of the Earls of Ross; but perhaps that was the custom in those days. She had two husbands it seems, the first being John Randolph, Earl of Murray, and the next Robert the Second of Scotland. There is evidently some mistake here, for the obituary states that Robert was the ancestor of the Stuartine line; we always thought that General George Washington was the ancestor of the Stuartines. We know George afterwards denied this in his old age, frequently having been heard to declare to Sophia Van Deek or Mistress Van Deek, a frequent visitor to Mount Vernon (she used to drop in after dinner to eat nuts and raisins, beech nuts being her favorite) and it was she who first started that hatchet story), "Egad, Mistress Van Deek, I can not tell a lie; I did not ancest the Stuartines. 'Zounds, madam!" G. W. could be very violent when he chose. However it is generally conceded that he didn't tell the truth about the Stuartine line, and if we are right this obituary must be wrong. We would like to hear again from some of the Rosses on this point.

Here we are sorry to say that the obituary ends abruptly. There was no need for that. This Ross pedigree is a matter of national importance now that one of the family has been made minister of education. Perhaps we can supply what was missing. There was a James Ross who flourished at the time of the battle of Bannockburn who was quartered for stealing sheep. This seems to have been one of the family. If his statement made the night previous is true, it would seem that his ancestors came over with William the conqueror. This makes the family of Ross very ancient indeed, although we believe the Smiths and the Jones lay claim to an antiquity even older than this.

However it is a grand thing to know exactly who the Rosses are, and our ideas on this subject cannot help being clearer after reading the obituary in the Globe.

The Whisky Head Must Go.

The latest revelation in connection with the Exchange bank is that some of the directors were on a steady spree for weeks before the collapse. Had they been half attentive to their duties Mr. Craig would not have been able to carry out his robbery. But whisky-head directors gave him his opportunity. Have we any more whisky-heads holding high positions, or low positions for that matter? We think we have. Let them go.

O'Donnell's Sentence.

General Pryor, the American counsel for O'Donnell, has asked Minister Lowell to request the English government for a commutation of O'Donnell's sentence. Mr. Lowell announces that he will communicate the request to Washington for instructions. This shows that Mr. Lowell has a level head and remembers that the Washington government on a previous occasion was induced to try its good offices on behalf of a criminal condemned by British law. He likewise remembers that on that occasion the British government politely but firmly requested the government at Washington to mind its own business. And that the American press laughed at the Washington government for being such fools as to merit the snub. We ourselves have our own opinion about the justice of O'Donnell's sentence, but we believe that any government—especially one that, like the American, is deservedly suspected in England on account of the brood of dynamiters and assassins it harbors in its commercial metropolis—that will ask another nation to reconsider its method of justice, will act like a government of fools.

A Brooklyn presbyterian clergyman, the Rev. Dr. L. T. Chamberlain, recently returned from Ireland, has been lecturing in his church upon the Irish question. He says that one half of all the land in the island is owned by less than one thousand individuals or corporations, the whole number of landed proprietors, large and small, being 20,000. These dominate 700,000 peasants. There are many absentees and no manufactures to speak of. The corporations make the worst of landlords, as they have no individual contact with the tenants. Rev. Dr. Chamberlain thinks that similar conditions would create discontent in any country.

In commenting upon the controversy as to the future state between the Rev. Mr. Hill and Rev. Dr. MacVicar of Montreal, the New York Times misprints the latter's name McWar. He is certainly pugnacious enough to deserve the name. By misplacing a single letter our own compositor could convert Mr. Hill's name into the name of the place whose existence he has been denying. But of course no Canadian compositor would be guilty of such a transformation.

Dr. Stoecker whose recent attempt to create an anti-Jewish agitation in London excited the contempt of the English and American press has found himself in hot water on his return to Berlin. He has been challenged to a duel by a Jewish editor and he has been called upon to give up his anti-Jewish crusade or resign his position as court-chaplain. Perhaps if the doctor's agitation in London had been successful he would not have had to undergo this new adversity. However we congratulate him on his troubles as neither he nor this world are going to progress aslong as the spirit of intolerance is allowed to hold sway.

Lord Lorne has been praising Canada in a speech at Birmingham. This is a very proper thing for Lord Lorne to do. It is the orthodox thing to and the Campbell's always were an orthodox family. But very strangely this heir to Macallum More has been praising Canada chiefly on account of its salubrity. We always thought Lord Lorne and the princess considered Canada salubrious. That is why the princess always went home for her health. She found Canada too salubrious. So salubrious in fact that she went home ten months out of the year to tell the English how salubrious it was and how they ought to come to Canada nnd try the climate. And now Lord Lorne is going on a lecture tour in England for the same purpose. It's a salubrious world this.

The Archduke Johann, who recently delivered a lecture on drill, has just produced at the Court theatre, Vienna, with great success, a ballet entitled The Assassins.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

TORONTO, Friday, Dec. 7.

As an evidence of the general stagnation that prevails in wholesale circles, we may cite the fact that some of the oldest established wholesale grocers in this city did not receive one solitary order for days during the past week.

Retailers are buying closely in all lines of Christmas novelties. It is feared, however, that many will suffer from an overstock of expensive cards.

There is nothing doing in wholesale jewelry.

Grocery travelers are out taking sorting up orders for the holiday trade. They report business dull, with no signs of immediate improvement.

A cable from London to Cox & Worts quotes Hudson Bay shares at 23¾ and Northwest Land company at 6⅞.

Toronto Stock Exchange.

MORNING SALES.—Montreal, 3 at 173¼, 22 at 173½, 50 at 173. Ontario, 15, 25, 100 at 104. Commerce, 20 at 121. Imperial 10, 50, 20, 5 at 123. Northwest Land Co. 100 at 66. Canada Permanent, (new stock) 28 at 187½. Canada Landed Credit, 18 at 121½.

CLOSING BOARD.—Ontario, 104¼ sellers; sales 15, 12 at 104. Federal 123¾ to 123½; sales 100, 50, 10 at 124, 50, 50 at 123¾. Dominion, 188¾ to 188½; sales 20 at 188. Northwest Land Co. 70 to 69; sales 100 at 67, 100 at 68, 200, 100 at 70 (after board).

Montreal Stock Exchange.

CLOSING BOARD.—Montreal 173 to 172½; sales 165 at 172½. Ontario, 104 to 102; sales 27 at 104, 25 at 102. Merchants, 106½ to 106; sales 75 at 106¼, 6 at 106½, 25 at 106. Northwest Land Co., sales 25 to 65¾, 25 at 66. Federal 122 to 121½; sales 20 at 122. City Passenger Railway 111 to 110¾; sales 185 at 111, 15 at 111½. Montreal Gas Co., 168½ to 168¼; sales 200 at 167, 25 at 167½, 100 at 168, 57 at 168¼.

Local Markets.

THE FARMER'S MARKET.—The Receipts of grain on the street to-day were fair, and prices steady. Some bushels of wheat offered and sold at $1.05 to $1.12 for fall, $1.10 to $1.18 for spring, and at 84c to 87c for goose. Barley steady with sales of 300 3000 bushels at 57c to 69c, the bulk of it bringing 63c to 66c. Oats steady at 37½c to 38c for 200 bushels. Peas unchanged with sales of 100 bushels at 74c to 75c. One load of rye brought 63c. Hogs easier at $5.50 to $5.62½. Hay quiet and prices easy; about 40 loads sold $5 50 to $8 for clover, and at $10 to $12.50 for timothy. Three loads of straw sold at $8 to $9.50 for bundled, and a load of loose at $5.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.—This market to-day was quiet and prices steady. Following are the prices at which produce is sold: Beef, roast, 10c to 14c; sirloin steak, 12c to 14c; round steak, 10c to 12c; mutton, legs and chops, 10c to 12c; inferior cuts, 8c to 10c; lamb, per pound, 8c to 12c; veal, best joints, 12c to 13c; inferior cuts, 8c to 10c; pork, chops and roasts, 9c to 10c; venison, carcase, $5 to $6; do. haunches $10 to $11; butter, pound rolls, 21c to 22c; large rolls, 18c to 21c; cooking, 16c to 17c; lard, 12c to 14c; cheese, 13c to 15c; bacon, 10c to 14c; eggs, 25c to 27c; turkeys, 75c to $1.50; chickens, per pair, 40c to 60c; geese, each, 40c to 60c; ducks, 45c to 70c; partridge, brace, 50c to 60c; potatoes, per bag, 85c to 90; cabbage, per doz., 50c to 85c; onions, per peck, 25c; parsnips, per peck, 20c; beets, per peck, 20c; carrots, per peck, 20c; beans, per peck, 25c to 30c.

Markets by Telegraph.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Cotton dull and unchanged. Flour—Receipts 25,000 brls, weak, sales 14,000 brls.; No. 2 $2.20 to $3, others unchanged. Rye flour, firm at $3.50 to $3.95. Cornmeal steady at $3 to $3.35. Wheat—Receipts 8000 bush, higher, options lower; sales 2,596,000 bush. future 180,000 bush.; exports 20,000 bush.; No. 2 hard Duluth $1.01, No. 2 red $1 12 to $1.12½, No. 1 red white state $1.18, No. 2 red December $1.10½ to $1.11, January $1.12 to $1.12⅝. Rye firm; state 74c. Canada 76c. Barley steady, No. 2 two-rowed state 66c. Malt firm; two-rowed state 75c. Corn—Receipts 81,000 bush., irregular; options lower; sales 1,608,000 bush., future 110,000 bush., spot exports 30,000 bush.; No. 2 white 67c to 68c, white western 64c to 64½c, No. 2 December 63½c to 64c, January 64½c to 65½c. Oats—Receipts 46,000 bush., lower, sales 775,000 bush. future 76,000 bush. spot; No. 2 37½c to 37¾c, white state 41c to 43c, No. 2 December 37½c to 37¾c, January 38½c to 38¾c. Hay and hops quiet and unchanged. Coffee weak at 11¾c. Sugar firmer and unchanged. Molasses firm at 38c to 56c. Rice steady. Petroleum unchanged. Tallow firm at 7 7-16c to 7½c. Potatoes quiet and unchanged. Eggs steady and unchanged. Pork firm at 14.25 to 14.50. Beef steady. Cut meats firm; pickled bellies 7½c to 7¾c, do hams 11½c to 11¾c, middles nominal at 7½c. Lard closed weak at $8.80. Butter quiet and unchanged. Cheese quiet at 9½c to 13c.

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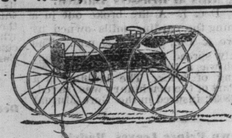
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