

the capital ; when, stationed there, he would give an impetus to the study of this fascinating and most useful science throughout the length and breadth of the land, and by lectures, practical classes and analyses, would greatly increase his own emoluments, at the same time that he would be doing an essential service to the province. In a young country like this, we desire particularly to develop its material resources. For this end we need professors of *chemistry, mechanics, botany and geology* ; and we need them placed where they can instruct and stimulate the greatest number. But here, we find the great, the wonderful discoveries of the last three hundred years — far exceeding, in amount, all previously known of physical science — so rich in applications to agriculture, manufactures, and every useful art — laid upon the shoulders of one man, and withheld from the great bulk of the population ; for he is placed exactly where he is of the least possible use to the greatest possible number.*

It would appear, then, that a university, to attain the utmost usefulness of which it is capable, and to have any prospect of success in a young and thinly peopled country, ought to be placed in the centre of the most populous district. The University of Nova Scotia, if there ever is to be one, must be in Halifax.

To attain this great end it is not necessary, nor is it desirable, that the efforts made by various parties to establish colleges in this province, should be thrown away. If the existing colleges were to unite their means and strength, they could form a complete and highly useful central Institution in the capital ; separate, not one of these is a College such as the times require, and they are in situations where they can get little support for themselves and do little good to the country. United, they supply means and materials for an Institution that would command extensive support, and be a real benefit to the Province.

* The Governors of King's College have rescued this province from a great reproach. But for this one appointment, it might be said that the collegiate system of Nova Scotia ignored the whole splendid range of modern discovery.