

But the subject which we desire to submit to the serious and favourable consideration of the Municipal Councils of Upper Canada, relates to the Provincial Normal School, which the Board hope to be able to bring into operation in the course of a few months. It is proposed to commence this institution at Toronto, in buildings formerly occupied as the Government House of Upper Canada. For the full success of any Provincial system, or Provincial establishment, the cordial support and co-operation of the Province at large is necessary.

The Legislature has granted the sum of fifteen hundred pounds, to procure and furnish buildings for the establishment, and then fifteen hundred pounds per annum, to aid in defraying the current expenses of it. To procure the furniture and apparatus of the establishment, independent of the buildings, will require a large portion of the first-named sum; and the experience of other countries, similarly situated to ours, sufficiently shows how much the current expenses of such an establishment must exceed the sum granted to aid in defraying them. Such an aid might, indeed, be sufficient, should the terms of board and tuition be as high as are usually required at public and private schools. But this would, in a great measure, defeat the very object contemplated in establishing a Provincial Normal School, which is to afford as great facilities as possible for the training of young candidates for School-teaching. Not a few of the most promising of this class of young men are destitute of means, and others of them possess very limited means, for the acquisition of the advantages afforded by the Normal School.

In those European countries which are best supplied with Normal Schools, the local municipal departments—analagous to our districts—are required to contribute the principal part of the sums necessary for the support of the Normal Schools. Our own Legislature, like that of the neighbouring State of New York, has not imposed any legal obligation on the several local Municipalities, in this respect, but has left it to their own enlightened liberality. In the State of New York, in addition to the legislative grant of £2250 to procure buildings, apparatus, &c., for a State Normal School, at Albany, and £2500 per annum to aid in its support, the Authorities of different Counties contribute to the same object, in the most simple and efficient form, by selecting and supporting each two, four, or more of their own most meritorious youth at the School. The Authorities of such Counties determine to support, at the State Normal School, during the prescribed course of instruction, a certain number of their own youth, to be selected by means of competition before Examiners, who are appointed for that