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WHY should there not be a University in Western as there is in Eastern Ontario? This is the question that some good people in London are asking at present, and apparently they pause for a reply. We take the liberty of suggesting contributions to an answer.

1. Because the educational conditions are not what they were fifty years ago. Then, the Provincial University was sectarian and Queen's was established as the only effectual protest that could be made against its sectarianism. Now Toronto and Queen's are open to all on the same terms, and the graduates of both share in their government.

2. Because twenty-five years ago there was not one well-equipped University in Ontario, now both Queen's and Toronto are reasonably well-equipped, and the conditions of travelling have changed so completely that a hundred miles distance is a comparatively slight obstacle to students.

3. Because the men who propose to breathe the breath of life into the charter of the Western University have no conception of what a University means, or no faith in their own proposal. They do not ask for an endowment capable of yielding \$20,000 to \$40,000 a year, the first being the minimum needed to equip a faculty of Arts, but for promises of \$5,000 a

year for three years, a sum that would not maintain a decent High School!

4. Because young men (and women) have only one youth, and that should not be wasted. Either in Toronto or Kingston they would come in contact with a large staff of fairly well paid Professors. In London, at the best, they would come in contact with a staff whose salaries would represent two Professors.

We are not in favour of having only two Universities in Ontario. There is no reason why there should not be a round dozen, provided only that they are not bogus. In an age when one man in California is giving twenty millions to establish a University, and another man, in Montreal, a million to add a wing to McGill, it is slightly comical to hear men talk of putting a University on its legs, if they can get subscriptions for three years for \$5,000.

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We have received a sample copy of "Canada, a monthly Journal of Religion, Patriotism, Science and Literature," edited by M. R. Knight, Benton, N.B. This is the second year of its publication, and from the January number it is apparently going to be better this year than last, though that was excellent. The regular subscription price is one dollar, but any subscriber to the *Mail*, *Globe* or *Empire*, to *Harper's*, the *Century*, or any of the great American Magazines, can, by taking advantage of Canada's clubbing rates, get it also by paying from nothing to fifty cents extra. Special rates are also offered to agents. It has for contributors the best writers the Dominion can produce—Lampman, Campbell, Roberts, etc. We hope the reading room will at once put it on file.

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Our article on the court, in the JOURNAL of Dec. 19th, it seems, called forth the letter of "Old Boy," expressing horror that anyone could be found to call in question for a moment the authority of our "Venerable Court." The article as it appeared was only the first half of what we then wrote, the re-