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I. Papers on Gifts to Colleges and Universities.

1. DONATIONS TO AMERICAN AND CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

With a view to enlist the sympathy of public and private benefactors among us, in favour of the universities and colleges of Canada, we have collected, with a view to insertion in this number of the *Journal of Education*, a few papers bearing upon the subject. They have been chiefly suggested by the recent princely gifts of George Peabody, Esq., to the universities of Harvard and Yale colleges in the United States.

In order to learn how far the generous liberality of Canadians had been exhibited towards the existing educational institutions, in Upper and Lower Canada, the Editor of this *Journal*, some weeks since, addressed the following letter to the Heads of the *seventeen* universities, colleges, collegiate institutes and seminaries in both Canadas. Replies have only been received by the editor from the heads of only *six* of these institutions. They will be found on pages 2 and 3.

"I have the honour to state, that having collected material for a few short papers in the January number of the *Journal of Education*, on donations to universities and colleges in connection with Mr. Peabody's recent munificent gifts to Harvard and Yale colleges, I shall be happy to insert any list of such donations and gifts as may have been given to your institution, together with any remarks on the subject, which you may send to me by the end of the year.

"The information proposed to be given on this subject may, it is hoped, have a beneficial effect upon the liberality of individuals in Canada in favour of colleges and other similar institutions in our own country."

It is much to be regretted that so little information has been received from the higher institutions in Canada, to which we have referred. We have no doubt but that a great deal more has been done for these institutions than the facts which we publish would seem to indicate. This is especially the case in regard to Victoria and Trinity Colleges. We know that, in 1835, the Rev. Dr. Ryerson collected large sums in Britain in aid of the Upper Canada Academy (now Victoria College), and subsequently, the Rev. William H. Poole, and the Rev. Dr. Aylesworth, collected several thousand dollars in aid of the same College. The venerable Bishop of Toronto, in England, and the Rev. Dr. McMurray, in the United States, were highly successful in their efforts to obtain subscriptions and donations in the aid of Trinity College. Much liberality was also shown by subscriptions and donations to other of our Provincial Colleges, but of which we have no record. Were the plan of "*Systematic beneficence*," (so ably advocated in a recent pamphlet by the Rev. Dr. Fuller, of this city,) generally adopted in Canada, neither our collegiate nor other of our public institutions would suffer from want of funds.

In regard to the future of our institutions, it is to be hoped that as the Province increases in wealth and population, we shall have spirited, generous men among us, who,—like Messrs. Peabody, Lawrence and Vassar, among the Americans, and many noble, excellent men in the motherland,—will, by their benefactions to the educational and literary institutions of the country, bestow a rich inheritance upon the youth of the land.

The latest instance of this kind of liberality in England, has been the collection of subscriptions to the amount of about \$150,000 for the founding at Oxford of a Memorial Hall or College in honour of the late Rev. John Keble, M. A., author of the *Christian Year*, and formerly Professor of Poetry in the University. The institution is designed, as the circular of the *Keble Memorial College Committee* states, "for young men, whom want of means would otherwise deprive them of a University education, at a very small cost," and of being "trained as christian gentlemen."

In addition to the papers containing an account of benefactions to various colleges and universities, we have inserted some papers from the English and Canadian press relating to University Extension and other kindred subjects. These will be found of interest in connection with the other information which we have given.