

generally for the good things they are "in the habit" of saying about us.

Our old and much esteemed friend the *Courier*, says:—

"We cordially welcome the first number of Mr. Alexander Munro's new periodical, 'The Instructor,' devoted to Education, Agriculture, and general Intelligence,—a continuation of the Parish School Advocate, &c.,—and to award it the meed of our approbation. We have hitherto noticed the claims of Mr. Munro to public support; and in the number before us, his character for ability and industry is fully sustained, and we consider it a valuable contribution to our provincial literature, and one well fitted to extend the reputation of the author."

NEW BRUNSWICK UNIVERSITY.—

After affording a number of political aspirants, whose cry was,—“destroy it—destroy it,” a door of entrance into the legislature; and after expending £70,000 by way of endowment, and several thousands in legislation, and making half a score of appeals to the British Government,—Kings College is to be converted into a UNIVERSITY; the Imperial Government, after six months delay, has sanctioned the Bill.

And now, whether this Province will have, at least during this generation, a thorough University to which all denominations of our youth will look for a collegiate education, is a question which time alone will answer.

However, in the initiatory steps, much will depend upon the government in bringing about so desirable an object as the establishment of a Provincial University. Old, and we fear long seated prejudices will have to be removed, and the public mind require to be educated into the necessity of aiding in its reconstruction and establishment.

We fear that denominational institutions of education have got so firm a hold upon the public mind that it will be next to impossible to direct public

opinion past the door of sectarian institutions to Fredericton, the seat of our Provincial University. When we consider a small population, say 225,000 scattered over 20,000,000 acres of country, with a number of educational academies, all largely endowed by the Province, and the increasing tendency of each denomination to keep its youth within its own academic walls, we do fear, that a long time will elapse before New Brunswick will have an efficient and well attended University such as we would like to see established in our midst.

OLD AND NEW FASHIONED WINTERS.—The other day we had a little conversation with that intelligent, though eccentric old gentleman, known as the *oldest inhabitant*, about matters as they used to be.

He said:—“Mr. —, as long ago as I can remember snow fell in Nova Scotia to the depth of five feet, and generally lay on the ground without much abatement till the last of April. There is a great difference between the winters of eighty years ago and those we have now times. Yes, I may say, the winters of fifty years ago were much severer than the winters we have had for the last ten years.”

Our aged friend related many of the difficulties and hardships underwent by the early settlers of the country, and the difficulty of procuring the necessaries of life; for according to his story, they had no luxuries.

He continued, “I would like before I die to see one of the old fashioned winters such as we used to have when I was a boy; it appears to me that everything we sowed and planted used to produce double the amount it does in these years; the deep snows seemed to help the crops; but people don't work now-a-days as hard as they did in old times, besides they crop the soil to death. The people are all a-going in consumption now, while in old times they died with old age.

I believe this country has shifted its