

Political Economy, Jurisprudence, for its members never were at institutions where they were taught! That, Sir, is the doctrine the learned Professor of History in University College has announced to the members of this Committee for the guidance of themselves and of the country! That, Sir, is the new legal light that emanates from University College! I congratulate the learned gentleman on the discovery he has made, the light he is pouring "on this Canada of ours." Then, Sir, I have only to add on this branch of the subject, that you have but to carry the argument a step farther, and ask what claim that gentleman himself has to support his pretensions? Is he a graduate himself? His own evidence shewed yesterday that he had never passed even a matriculation examination, that he took no degree at Edinburgh, and that the degree he holds is purely honorary, like my own. If Dr. Cook were here he could tell you that there is no matriculation examination at Edinburgh, and no examination at all until the degree is taken. Meanwhile, the students attend the lectures of the Professors of Greek, Latin, &c., for so many terms, so many days in each term, and then get certificates from those Professors as to their diligence in attending. So unsatisfactory is this plan that the Church of Scotland would not admit it as a qualification for their ministers—they themselves require a literary as well as a theological examination from their students before they will admit them to be intellectually qualified for the service of the church. I might have gone up to Edinburgh, attended a few lectures here and a few lectures there, and come out again with the assumption that you people of Canada knew nothing about what is proper as a system of education. I feel reluctant to prosecute this subject, but when a gentleman has assailed me on this ground, I throw back the charge, and I say that it ill becomes him to make either imputations or assumptions of this description. Sir, I have no hesitation at all in comparing what I have done for my native land with what that gentleman has done for his, and our claims to the gratitude of our respective countries. He, to be sure, has published a book, but it was a book upon "relics," a book upon antiquities; and I have myself seen in Edinburgh a museum of "relics" arranged by him. He has a peculiar affinity for subjects of that description, and in his leisure moments in this country has devoted himself to the disembowelling the cemeteries of the Indian tribes, in seeking up the tomahawks, pipes and tobacco which may be found there, and writing essays upon them. But look to my efforts, my period of labor for 35 years, and say whether the imputations of that gentleman are deserved. I can appeal to the representatives of the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, whether they have not availed themselves of the labor I have performed in this country for the education of our youth. I can appeal to the Australian Colonies, where my regulations and School Act have been published under the auspices of the Government. The Secretary of the Province of Adelaide lately visited this country in order to make further enquiries with a view of introducing our whole system as far as possible in connection with the Municipal system of those Countries. I appeal to the Province of New Brunswick, the land of my sainted mother. Five years ago I went down thither as one of a Commission to investigate their Collegiate system, which had been the subject of litigation as keen as that which was connected with King's College in this country. I prepared a report at the request of the authorities, and drafted a bill. The Government that was then in power went out, another came in—and I received but a few weeks since a letter from the present Attorney General there, saying that the bill I prepared five years ago had been sanctioned by the Legislature, and, being reserved for the Royal Assent, had received the approbation of Her Majesty. Although I am not a graduate of a University, and should be therefore excluded under the proscriptive principle of the gentleman who has attacked me, from meddling with Universities at all, I have made