

#### APPORTIONMENT OF COST OF MAINTENANCE.

No subject within the instructions of the Commissioners has been more anxiously or carefully considered than the adjustment of University and College expenditures, for such purposes as maintenance and repair of buildings, heating, lighting, grounds, &c. This difficult question has given rise to much trouble and intricacy of accounts, and differences will ever arise as to the proper distribution of such charges. The greater portion of the buildings are occupied by the College, which has an undoubted right to full accommodation.

The expenses referred to are very large, in consequence of the mode of construction and system of heating, &c., &c., as may readily be inferred, when upon reference to the annual expenditure for 1861, the article of fuel alone for University buildings is charged at \$2,538.57. Perhaps the chief ground of difficulty in the adjustment of these matters has arisen from the transfer of the management and care of the Library and Museum from the Council of University College to the Senate. The actual necessities of the Senate *per se* for accommodation in the University buildings, as already shown, are exceedingly small; the charges against it are very considerable.

Several modes present themselves for meeting and adjusting the present difficulties.

First—Re-transfer the Library and Museum to the Council of University College, and give them charge of the whole buildings, including, then, in the amount appropriated for the support of University College, such sum as will provide for management and maintenance of the whole establishment; stipulating that the Senate shall be provided with such accommodation and attendance as may be required for its meetings, and for convocation purposes, also for the accommodation of the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and Registrar.

Or, Secondly—Re-transfer Library and Museum as before, and let the Council provide for maintaining the whole with heating, attendance, &c., &c., the cost of maintaining the buildings in repair (excepting that part occupied by Residence, if continued), and care of grounds devolving upon the Senate.

Or, Thirdly—Let all such expenditure be controlled by a Committee of Senate, of whom the President of University College might be an *ex officio* member, and the necessary cost to make a special charge against Income Fund, in which case no appropriation would be made to either Senate or Council for this purpose.

Fourthly—Continue the present arrangement as exhibited in report of Senate. [See Appendix No. 20.]

#### AFFILIATION.

The proximate object of the labors of the Commission was to investigate what foundation existed for the charges of "extravagant expenditure," and to suggest retrenchment; but they felt that of even greater importance was the ultimate object of ascertaining if, with judicious expenditure of Endowment Funds, there may be such a system of affiliation inaugurated as will make the University thoroughly National, induce all the Colleges having University powers to unite upon a common platform, and thus permanently secure and largely extend the benefit of this noble Endowment, and the privileges of University education.

So long as the University and University College have no inducements to practice economy, there will, from the nature of things, be large expenditure without corresponding results; and so long as the other Colleges having University powers can see no advantage from affiliation, as is undoubtedly the case under the present system, they will not only decline to unite, but will inevitably continue to occupy a position of rivalry and of remonstrance.

Having been led to understand that the heads of Colleges were very desirous of a real instead of a nominal affiliation,—one which would secure equal rights and privileges to all who affiliate, and also harmonize the great interests of higher education,—a series of questions was addressed to them with a view of ascertaining whether there were sufficient grounds of common consent and agreement upon which to found suggestions for a satisfactory system of affiliation. [See questions 75, 76, 77, and Ans. App., Nos. 33 to 38.]

The replies in the Appendix from the heads of University, Queen's, Victoria, Regiopolis and Trinity Colleges, prove that there is substantial agreement, and the same questions having been further submitted to the Senate, in which the above Colleges as well as