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tual wants of a population only one half larger than must stand firm against monopoly.

Scotland is justly celebrated for her Ontario. system of higher education and her universities, of a recent sermon on Wyclif at St. Thomas's, dred. The proportion of the Scotch universities vibrate through Christendom; (2), there was the would give to Ontario four thousand students. To proclamation of the sovereignty of God's tribunal, have such a number of students congregated at one and of the direct access offered to every man, university seat would, for many reasons, be unde- woman and child to that tribunal; and (3), there Year. If paid strictly, that is promptly in advance, the sirable. Similar remarks will apply to Germany, was the publication of the Scriptures in the people's perhaps the most economical and best elucated own language. These surely have been abiding country in the world. The nearest approach to benefits. And of the labours of Wyclif we are still address fabet on their paper. The Paper is Sent until centralization has been in England; but even there reaping the fruits. But on the other hand it may the rivalry of Oxford and Cambridge has had a be said, and said truly, that Wyclif failed to accombeneficial influence, and it is now admitted that the plish what he proposed, and that the corrupt dombenefit would have beed greater had there been inion recovered from his assault, and reasserted its more than two centres of thought. More recently excellent medium for advertising-being a family England has added the universities of Darham, English Bible failed to have the circulation he had London, and Victoria, and to-day colleges richly hoped for. Both statements are true, and both endowed are springing up in every section of admit of an explanation which leaves Wyclif's England and Wales.

PROTEST AGAINIT MONOPOLY OF PUBLIC FUNDS.—The Trustees of Queens University proceed very firmly to "express their satisfaction that the wisdom of enlisting in university work private and denominational liberality, as well as public endowment and grants, is recognized in the memorandum. This policy, the committee submit, cannot possibly be limited to one locality. When there has grown up, in a great measure through sacrifices male by the people of Eastern Ontario, a university like Queen's the policy must be applied to this section of the country, unless the resources of the province are to be brought into unfair competition with the proved necessities of a section of the province Otherwise, the State would be seeking to crush local effort, and local effort for the public benefit of the most generous and persistent kind. In the opinion of the committee, then, a recognition by the Government of Queen's University and of the necessities of eastern Ontario is required in a just and comprehensive measure of higher education. As to the form that this recognition should assume, the committee do not at this stage express an opinion. They do not doubt that the Government will recognize the justice of what they have advanced, and in that case a way of combining public and private liberality in university work can be Queen's College and Confederation.—A re- found in Kingston as well as in Toronto." The port on the College Federation proposal has been policy so far adopted by the Government of issued by the Board of Trustees of Queen's College, Ontario of giving one College a monopoly of help Kingston. The report is very ably drawn and from the public funds is here condemned as we peculiarly interesting, as it presents certain facts in have condemned it, on the ground of injustice. regard to the Universities in Scotland, which are The cry that University College is "undenomias little known as they are highly significant in national," and therefore is entitled to help from this discussion. The committee hold that the in the public funds is rank clap trap, it is a dishonest terests of the public and the cause of higher educa- cry, an illogical cry, it deceives no one except those tion in the Province of Ontario will be immensely who have deliberately shut their eyes to the claims better served by the existence of two or more well- of justice. If the Government of Ontario would equipped universities than by having only one. It say plainly, "We refuse to allow any College to is not an advantage to have all the educated men share in the fund, devoted to the furtherance of of the country cast in the same mould. Several of higher education if that College recognises any kindness. Every good act is charity; your smiling centres of education result in distinctive features of form of Christianity," then we should understand in your brother's face is charity, an exhortation teaching. As Scotland has been a great gainer by such a plea, and such a plea is now at the bottom of your fellow-man to virtuous deed is equal to the different contributions of thought given to her of the present difficulty. We who refuse to separate alms-giving; your putting a wanderer in the right sons by her four universities, so also would Canada religion from education regard the taxation of our road is charity; your assisting the blind is charity; by having more than one. The four universities property for secular education as robbery, as spoli- your moving stones and thorns from the road is of Scotland were established when Scotland had ation, as a distinct violation of our civil rights. charity; your giving water to the thirsty is charity. less than half the population which Ontario now We trust some action will be taken to compel the A man's true wealth is the good he does in this numbers. These seats of learning, Glasgow, Edin. Government either to give us a pro rata share of world to his fellow-men. When he dies people burgh, St. Andrew's, and Aberdeen, have long the education fund of the Province or to keep its will say, "What property has he left behind him?" been famous. They are situated at points averag- hands out of our pockets for upholding a system But the angels will ask, "What good deeds has he ing some forty miles apart. They are all in part we abhor. We demand only what is just, but we sent before him?" State supported. When the Government recently do demand justice and we condemn the granting of proposed to reduce the number by obliterating the a monopoly to any one College. Let the funds of smallest, St. Andrews, an indignant protest arose the public be expended in helping higher education, His keeping is not confinement, it is protection. from one end of the country to the other, and to as such, and not only and sclely when it is unde- When you commit your ways to Him, He does not day a fifth is being established to meet the intellec nominational! Trinity, Victoria and Queens abridge your liberty; He only defends you against

Archdeacon Norris on Wyclif. - In the course and the success which they have achieved is the Bristol, from Rev. xxii. 8, 9, Archdeacon Norris strongest testimony we can have that Ontario said, "Let me sum up Wyclif's own work under should have more than one. At the present mo-three heads:—(1), There was the protest against ment the universities of Scotland are attended by the corruptions of the Papal system; and this from over six thousand students, while Ontario, with one who, from the brilliancy of his intellectuai two-thirds of the population, has under fifteen hun- gifts and the purity of his life could make his voice power over the conscience and again, that Wyclif's claim upon our gratitude still standing. Fer, first, his emancipation of the conscience rested on a scholastic theory of dominion which, however true, was not understood by the less learned. When the reformers of the sixteenth century drew from St. Paul's Epistles a simpler foundation for it, and made it rest on St. Paul's doctrine of justification by grace, the national conscience laid hold of it at once, and it became the inheritance of our people. But let us ever remember that Wyclif's great end was right, though his means may have been faulty, and that he was the first to proclam once more the great truth-which in those dark ages the Church was well-nigh losing—that every Christian has direct access to the Throne of Grace. And then, secondly, for the comparative failure of his efforts to disseminate the English Bible, the explanation is yet more obvious it was simply for the want of the printing press. But here again it was his glory to desire it. And his was heard and granted thuogh not in his lifetime. And now, if I have at all succeeded in making plain why we should thank God for Wyclif's labours, let me add this, that we may also thank God for His good Providence delayed the reorganization of His Church in this land, and entrusted it to men-I will not say wiser or nobler than Wyclif, but of greater enlightenment. Thanks to the revival of learning a hundred years after Wyclif death, and the marvellous aid of the printing-press, our divines of the sixteenth century were enabled to interpret God's Word with a truer insight into its meaning than the schoolman Wyclif. And, therefore, while we thank God for Wyclif's protest and Wyclif's aspirations, we may thank God yet more for Richard Hooker, who saw what Wyclif failed to see the true conception of Christ's Church, and with a master-hand drew for us once more those Apostolic lines on which Christ's holy Church was reorganized in this land of England.

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