

# UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

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THE many endeavors that have been made to establish a course of University Education in this Province, sufficiently show that great numbers have been quite awake to its advantages, while the want of success\* that has attended these efforts proves, either that the attempt is premature, or that the means adopted have been inadequate, or in some way not well directed to secure the end in view.

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\* No disrespect is meant towards the founders and supporters of our present Colleges, whose efforts to supply the advantages of a Collegiate education for the youth of this Province, are, indeed, most honorable to them. Every one must acknowledge the great obligations the Province is under to those who have begun and persevered in such efforts, under circumstances of great discouragement, and undoubtedly their labors have been of benefit to the country. But when, in a population of nearly 300,000, including a considerable number of persons of ample means and superior intelligence, we find that the best of these Colleges has only fifteen students, of whom about half are preparing for the ministry, and that another leading one cannot maintain a Professor of Modern Languages, nay, not even a Professor of Mathematics—it must be admitted that they have been anything but successful, and have not conferred on the people of this Province the advantages to be derived from an efficient University.