

appointing a new Principal to U. C. College. [95] In these representations, moreover, the Rev. Dr. Strachan, as President of the University, is stated to have wholly concurred. [96] To the permanent injury of our educational institutions, the suppression of U. C. College was not then accomplished.

U. C. COLLEGE IS DISCOVERED TO HAVE ABSORBED MUCH THE GREATER PART OF THE WHOLE UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT!!

In 1839 Sir George Arthur, then Lieutenant-Governor, had accidentally glanced through certain Returns, relative to U. C. College, that had been prepared for Parliament; [97] and, though accustomed to the expensive educational establishments of England, he expressed himself "much surprised at the outlay." [98] An investigation followed, the result of which will be best stated in the words of the late Mr. Justice Burns, and his fellow-commissioner, Dr. Workman. [99] "According to the statements then furnished U. C. College had received advances from the University amounting to \$137,639 03; and its expenditure from the commencement (January 1830) i. e. for nine years and a half, had been \$241,051 53, of which amount \$121,031 05 was for salaries to masters. It was also discovered that \$8618 11 of its own funds *constituting the entire balance on hand* was held by three parties, officers of the University and the College. Of the above \$8618 11 the College collector, according to his own shewing, had appropriated \$6156 78 to his own purposes." In a healthy state of public opinion such a disclosure as the above would have been fatal to the continuance of an institution which was, at best, existing only on sufferance. U. C. College was, however, permitted to proceed in its mission of undermining the Provincial University, and when the next investigation, (in 1843) [100] occurred, it was found that the interval between 1839 and 1843 had not been left unimproved; for during the four years, 1840-1843 inclusive the University fund had been depleted to the amount of \$29,735 03. [101] During the brief thirteen years of its existence (1830-1843) not only had U. C. College plundered all the Grammar Schools indiscriminately by the appropriation of more than sixty thousand acres of their endowment: not only had it appropriated the Royal Grants formerly bestowed on the Grammar Schools of Kingston, Cornwall, and Niagara, amounting, in the gross, to \$3000 annually; not only had it preyed on the Casual and Territorial Fund of the Province to the annual amount of One Thousand Pounds Sterling; not only had it applied

95 We derive this statement from various sources,—among others, from a Pamphlet, [page 76,] entitled "The Origin, History, and Management of the University of King's College, Toronto." Toronto: George Brown, 1844. How happens it that Upper Canada College, so-called as it is in the above Pamphlet, and elsewhere, so carelessly, and yet so justly, nearly a quarter of a century ago, is now permitted, unmolested, to continue its expensive and purposeless existence? Is truth, after all, mutable?

96 "Origin, &c., of King's College."

97 Journal Assembly 1839-40—Address to the Lieut.-Governor, March 13, 1839.—Documents in Appendix, pp 467 sqq.

98 Final Report, page 24.

99 Final Report, page 341. In the extract from the Commissioners' Report, we have substituted for £ and Cy. the equivalent amounts in dollars and cents.

100 Journal Assembly session 1843—Appendix No. 1.

101 Return to an Address from Legislative Assembly, dated June 13, 1851.