

lege branch, instituted by the Alma Mater Society, will be heartily supported by all the students. When the outside world see the students themselves alive to the welfare of their university, then assuredly shall Queen's receive increased sympathy and patronage.

A TORONTO newspaper calls upon the Minister of Education to withdraw the charter of the Western University, on the ground that it has no endowment whatsoever, whereas the condition on which the Provincial Government—at the instance of Mr. Crooks—granted a charter was, that it should have at least \$100,000 of endowment. We are slow to accept the statement of Toronto papers about universities or any other institutions outside of their own city, for they generally look at them through the wrong end of the telescope, and we certainly would not accept the *World's* facts or arguments concerning Queen's without investigation. The smallest Divinity Hall, if in Toronto, is always made to appear as a most respectable seat of learning. The most important university outside of Toronto is always referred to as "a denominational college," with perhaps the epithet "one-horse" prefixed, should the writer wish to be particularly courteous. The allegations respecting the Western University appear, however, to be based on official documents, and they are to the effect that the late Bishop was a Jew inwardly as well as outwardly, and that the present Bishop will have nothing to do with his last educational experiment. It is said that almost all the funds were collected in Britain, and that they were expended on buildings that Bishop Hellmuth was anxious to get off his hands; that the buildings are mortgaged to the extent of their value; that there are no Arts or Science Professors and no students in Arts or Science; and that there is no teaching of any kind save that given by some of the local

medical men to a score of medical students somewhere in the city, and by two or three lawyers to a few law students in a room in the Court House. We would like some of our friends in the West to give us the facts. For, while it may be a matter of dispute whether Ontario needs one, two, three or four universities, it is indisputable that the Province needs nothing bogus, and of all bogus abominations a bogus university is the most abominable. Facts may be dirty or clean, but they are "stubborn chieles," and quite necessary to the formation of a sound judgment on mundane matters. So, let us have the facts.

THE Christians of England and Scotland have just emerged from a Neronian persecution. A colored preacher, designating himself the Rev. D. V. A. Nero, and claiming to be Principal of Sumner College, Kansas, has been unmercifully afflicting the church-going populace of these nations. He has a pleasing manner, and a lying tongue, by which he won the sympathies of men of prominence, and through them got access to the pulpits of the churches of different denominations. He preached able evangelical discourses, made an earnest appeal on behalf of the cause which he had crossed the Atlantic to plead; and fittingly terminated his services by the taking up of a collection in aid of the college. The Principal's plans worked admirably; but his coadjutor, Mrs. Nero, blundered. A piece of business which she had with a leading firm in Glasgow aroused suspicion. Inquiries were made, and Principal Nero was discovered to be an impostor. His mission of love was speedily terminated; and he now enjoys a well-merited season of rest in prison. Principal Nero realized upwards of £400 by his preaching tour. An act like this does much harm to the cause of Christianity; and it shows the necessity of something being done in order to regulate the working of evange-