

The next count in the indictment charges that I have attributed to the Legislature what was the mere individual opinion of Mr. Mackenzie regarding Upper Canada College. My reply is, that in this matter I have the honor to agree with the Imperial Government, and the misfortune to differ from my sagacious reviewer. In the Imperial Despatch appointing Sir F. B. Head, Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, dated Downing street, 5th December, 1835, and signed "Glenelg," the passage quoted in the Pamphlet, (p. 16), is given in full, and is most distinctly referred to by the Colonial Secretary as expressing the opinion of the House of Assembly of Upper Canada. In fact the question of the further maintenance of Upper Canada College occupies no inconsiderable part of the whole Despatch—an importance which it would be absurd to suppose that the Secretary for the Colonies would have attributed to the individual opinion of any man. This Despatch has been printed in the form of a small *duodecimo*, bearing the following title: "Message from His Excellency the Lieut. Gov., of the 30th Jan. 1836, transmitting a Despatch from Her Majesty's Government. Printed by Order of the Hon. the Legislative Council. R. Stanton, Printer." A copy will, no doubt, be found in the Parliamentary Library, where, I trust, it will be copiously consulted.

The charge, however, on which my reviewer lays most stress relates to the attendance of pupils at U. C. College. He says: "Again we are told that all the pupils that could be drummed up for the College in 1832, numbered only forty—these being the sons of persons enjoying 'government favors.'" Here, as elsewhere, the reviewer first falsifies the narrative, and then complains that it is false. In the first place the year 1830 and not 1832, is most distinctly referred to both in the context and notes. In the second place I state the number of pupils as nearly 90. The words of the Pamphlet are: "Sir John Colborne drummed up as recruits for his new regiment, the sons of all enjoying Government favors, or who might expect afterwards to do so, and then boasted to Parliament that the names of nearly 90 boys were on the Roll." (page 10) Then how, it will be asked, could this mendacious reviewer represent the passage as saying 40 pupils? The explanation is as simple as it is discreditable! He affects to misunderstand one of the very numerous note-references [40] for an integral part of the text, and he has then the effrontery to base on this falsification of his own conceiving, his crowning evidence of the falsity of my Pamphlet!

We have, doubtless, in this newspaper article the very cream of the U. C. College defence, which is announced as about to appear under the same auspices as that veracious epistle of Jan. 1868. After so remarkable an effusion, the public may very fairly have demanded of Toronto Editors, a little more caution in the acceptance of further statements from such a source—but a Toronto monopoly was to be sustained and under such circumstances the end is held to abundantly sanctify the means. On such a dastardly act as your journal has permitted, retribution is sure to follow, and so it may happen that your literary assassin, while intending murder, has really but committed suicide.

Yours truly,

Dundas, Nov. 6, 1868.

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