

	Coll. Inst'ts.	High Schools.	U.C.C.	Private Schools.
Total number of matriculants				
1876.....	95	36	32	11
1877.....	121	52	53	12
1878.....	95	51	27	6

SCHOLARSHIPS.

Junior Matriculation.

Total awarded—				
1876.....	2	8	0	1
1877.....	2	7	1	1
1878.....	8	4	2	1

Senior Matriculation.

1879.....	1	1	1	0
1878.....	3	1	0	0

The above figures shew at a glance the comparative amount of work done by the High Schools and Upper Canada College during the time specified, with this exception, that the former have been making rapid strides forward, the latter has year after year been compelled to retire further and further into the background. The Toronto Collegiate Institute—not to mention others—at the University matriculation of June last took a position which Upper Canada College has barely attained in even its palmist days; and yet the former received in 1879 only \$1,995 50 from Government; the latter, its \$23,000. The fact of the matter is, that from being the principal feeder of University College twenty-five years ago, it has in the main degenerated into a nursery for the propagation of youthful prigism and the exotic growths which spring up in the effort to give a "high-toned" education. That the "college" has continued to score a few honours in the sub-departments of English History and Modern Languages is about all that the institution can claim for itself; of first class honours in the weightier departments of Mathematics and Classics it has little to shew. Notwithstanding this indifferent record, it continues to be petted and advertised by the governors of University College, from the President downwards. This suggests a point in the discussion of the question that has generally been shirked. The sole con-

trol of Upper Canada College is now vested in a committee of the Senate of Toronto University. That body is therefore responsible for the continued existence of the so-called College, for the waste of public money in maintaining it, and for the persistent and successful efforts to advertise it at the expense of the High Schools. Without doubt, if the Senate had recommended the disestablishment of Upper Canada College, the Legislature would long ago have withdrawn its fat endowment. Why the Senate has not done so is a question which the Chancellor, or his Vice, might well be asked to answer. Apathy and neglect are no excuse for the non-fulfilment of duty. If those who control this boarding-school college see no waste of public money in its endowment, they must be prepared to defend its maintenance. Their attempts to bolster a decaying institution are not creditable to their professed regard for secondary education. A paltry sum of five hundred dollars is considered a sufficiently large Government grant to call forth the best efforts of the masters in many of the outlying schools, but the patrician staff of Upper Canada College must be propitiated with nothing less than \$23,000 of Legislative pay.

That the benefits of the school are largely confined to Toronto and vicinity is clearly seen by an examination of the Return furnished by order of the Legislative Assembly in February, 1878. The following is a summary of the attendance taken from that return:

Session.	U. S.	Residence.		
		Toronto and Yorkville.	Ontario.	Elsewhere.
1867-68..	13	125	82	3
1868-69..	10	179	78	3
1869-70..	28	191	103	5
1870-71..	17	175	103	3
1871-72..	24	186	103	5
1872-73..	20	164	116	3
1873-74..	10	169	121	4
1874-75..	14	204	106	6
1875-76..	6	182	121	6
1876-77..	4	196	102	9
1877-78..	4	176	97	9