

upon one of the most finished speakers of the Province, we notice this great charge. Be it remembered that they did *touch* upon the point in question. According to our critic's taste, the speeches of all should have borne one burden. What a monotonous howling there would have been! What a rehash of what the newspapers had served up, in for the most part unsavoury dishes, during three months previous. Let us thank our stars the gentlemen had too much judgment. They had pretty unanimously concluded that an examining board apart from the immediate instructors was an unqualified injury. Other men think so too. We copy from the *Reporter* the following:

"Of the seventy-five men of distinguished ability consulted by Owen's College, one alone affirmed it to be desirable that the examining body should be distinct from and independent of, that which prepare the pupil."

Professor Andrew of Belfast writes, that "any attempt to follow the example of the University of London, can only lead to the degradation of all high mental culture, whether scientific or literary." Principal Dawson, of McGill, in a conversation with Professor Kennedy, affirmed the London University to be a failure.

Such seems to be the general experience. The history of Colleges corroborates the above testimony. This feature then being an unmixed evil; and since, according to the *Argosy*, "without it the scheme becomes a nullity," what in the name of Immortal Sovereign Reason, is the good of this "great ghost" as Professor Pollok, a Presbyterian divine aptly terms it, which the *Argosy* so confidently and dogmatically defends. We would if possible, in charity think that this production was intended as a mere farcical rhodomontade, an experiment in inflation of gas. But it is hardly possible. Pope is right in this case, when he says:

"Pride, where wit fails, steps in to our defence,
And fills up all the mighty void of sense."

From the actions of the Synod, we think that the Presbyterian part of Dalhousie will not be very enthusiastic in their applause and defence of this pitiful apology of Government to the people, which is as the *Reporter* tells us, "merely a buffer to prevent present collision." And one with their eyes open can see from what Mr.

Hill said at the Anniversary at Wolfville, if nothing more, that the great design was a Provincial Teaching University, which failing, this thing was slung out to serve as a cork fender to the Government. We fear no success of the original scheme while the Denominations of Nova Scotia stand in the lobby to veto such a measure. In this case, *vox populi, vox dei*. It is the people who rule in Nova Scotia. No faction nor coalition can ever pull down or erect despotically. The idea of Acadia dwindling into a Theological School makes us laugh. She is as yet small, but, "there be those who love her."

The *Argosy* will perhaps regret the high handed manner in which she has dashed into this question, as well as her insolent tone.

From all such rush-light reason and closet logic "Good Lord deliver us!" we devoutly cry. Firm in our convictions, we wish to speak, though sure, with diffidence. There are arguments on both sides. We only claim a preponderance. Wisdom is seldom entrenched in a citadel so inexpugnable as Folly. The fool who imagines that he includes the universe within the range of his vision, and the young man who deems that he is sounding in deep seas when his ten foot pole is splashing around in shallows, or that his mental seeing includes all objects of sight in a limited horizon, are not far apart.

It is lamentable to see that petty spirit of Creed, that narrow intolerance which has been the bane of the Church, introduced into Educational matters. But then, boys will pattern after the old man.

Fourthly, we are taunted as being an object of little solicitude to the Baptists. We have no space nor inclination to say much here. The people will compare with any other favourably. Meanwhile, we are willing to trust in God. We have proved for half a century that the Lord of Hosts is with us. The arms running this machine intend to see it through embarrassments. Not yet have Baptists become imbecile.

The last item of cuteness which we shall notice is the extremely ingenious comparison of some of our prominent men to the Atheist who declaims against the bible "giving evidence at the same time of never having read it," because one of them in the heat of discussion used the terms