

up in ignorance. If our sons and daughters want more education than this, and would profitably use it, they can always secure it at Academies and Colleges already provided and free to all for a very small fee.

If the Fredericton University is a fair specimen of what might be expected of a State Institution and if one such were established in Nova Scotia, instead of the present Colleges, we may congratulate ourselves that the experiment has been tried there instead of here.

The Act of 1863 not acted upon.

The Dalhousie Bill of 1863, provides that bodies and individuals may "endow" and "support" chairs in Dalhousie. The Endowments given to Acadia College are given "out and out" and have no conditions. Here we say fearlessly, and emphatically, The Presbyterian body has not complied with the Act of 1863—it has not "endowed" one chair.

The Presbyterian Witness of last week devotes much space to our remarks on the College question. The burden of the editorials is bitter complaint of us and justification and praise of Presbyterians.

If the articles in question contain an argument that argument is sustained, not by unsound reasoning alone, but it rests on a false axiom as well. In mathematics one axiom is, that a part is less than the whole.

PROFESSOR SCHURMAN'S Lecture on Carlyle, on Thursday night, was greatly enjoyed by a large audience.

The lecture occupied upwards of an hour and a-half in its delivery, and was listened to attentively to its close, when it was heartily applauded.

The Acadia Recorder of Saturday last has an article on the College Question, which contains some sensible remarks.

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an institution were sanctioned by all parties. It is not a large grant for higher Education. It was money valuably spent, and if this principle of giving money at all is to be adopted, then we say let the Government do the thing decently and from principle.

THE TRUE INWARDNESS OF THE COLLEGE GRANT QUESTION.

Carlyle said, in writing the life of the noted Prussian monarch, that he tried to put some good into the character of Frederick the Great, but he found it hard work.

The spirit that begat the scheme was alive and resolute in after years. It appeared in 1875. More than a decade passed, and it was the same as at first. With a soft step and an agile leap, it sprang upon the Legislature of 1875, and snatched for itself eighteen hundred dollars through the "Supplementary Estimates," just as the House was about to rise, leaving no time for discussion in Parliament.

With the present hold upon the Dalhousie—public—funds by the Presbyterians, grants to other Colleges follow as a certain sequence. Will this body take the responsibility of this matter on its own hands? Dalhousie compels grants to all the Colleges? Are the Presbyterians satisfied with the work done? Can the occupants of that College bear the responsibility of all the appropriations and the uses made of the money? On them rests the responsibility. They are the authors.

Since 1865 Acadia College has not asked for one dollar of public money. "Give us justice" has been her motto. If all grants are taken away, so let it be; if grants are given, let it be done fairly and in conformity to sound principles.

Last week we reviewed the past; this week we can view the present. Looking at the grants to Colleges now before Parliament from a population-basis, little could be said against the distribution so far as Roman Catholics, Episcopalians, and Methodists are concerned.

The disproportion in the arrangement is against the constituency of Acadia College. On this basis the amount to Acadia should be about \$2000 instead of \$1400. But what about the Presbyterians? The lion's share again; but the lion did not get so much over his share as he did from 1875 to 1880.

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would make their income \$8,000, with a population about equal to the Roman Catholics, and far out of proportion to that of all the other denominations. The population basis alone, however, is not a just criterion in this matter. The character and amount of work done is perhaps a no less important element to consider, and in this particular the Horton Academies may present their claim alongside of the Pietou Academy with all fairness, and are surely entitled to some consideration, but get nothing under the present arrangement.

ACADIA'S DUTY.

The grant question for the present is settled if the Bill pass as now before Parliament: The Governors meet this week at Wolfville. Action will probably be taken in the direction of Endowment, and enlargement in various ways. Now is the time to infuse life into the Convention Plan. Twenty-five per cent. coming from that source, will help to sustain Acadia in the loss of the \$1000 from the province grant.

The agitation for the sale of eggs by the pound has been revived. Some eggs weigh more to the dozen than others, yet they all bring the same price. This is not fair to the hens which produce the heavier and larger eggs, and which should be encouraged in their good work.

Here is a piece of fine humour and sound logic. We know a company trading in eggs of a certain kind which gets \$8,000 dollars for its eggs, and complains bitterly that five other companies sell their eggs at \$1,400. Indeed this company wants to sell its eggs at \$5,000, and then compel the other five companies to give away their fine eggs.

Table with financial data: From Dalhousie income... \$6,400; Interest on \$20,000... 1,200; Provincial Grant... 1,400; Total... \$8,000.

Dalhousie is willing to give up the \$1,400 if the \$1,400 is taken from each of the others, thus leaving Dalhousie \$5,600 a dozen for her eggs. What will the other fowls say to this fortune of the great Shanghai?

The Acadia Athenaeum, in referring to some criticisms on Rev. Mr. Steele by the Dalhousie Gazette says: "What an inherent horror Dalhousie has of the word Presbyterian, and how fondly it clings to that spectral adjective undenominational; sometimes even fancying that it can see the magic word Provincial glimmering in ghostly characters across the dingy college walls."

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE.—The numbers of The Living Age for the weeks ending March 12th and 19th respectively contain a number of interesting articles: La Rochefoucauld, Nineteenth Century; Trollope's "Life of Cicero," and George Eliot, Blackwood; George Eliot, Cornhill; Candor versus Courtesy, Golden Hours; Graffiti or wall-Scribblings, Chambers' Journal; Carlyle, London Times; The Woods in Winter, Saturday Review; American Literature and Boston Literature, St. James's Gazette; Hawk-catching in Holland, Graphic; The Talmud and the Bible, Jewish Chronicle; with instalments of "The Freres," "Don John," and Visited on the Children.

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