

lieved that little or no difference of opinion exists amongst the people, as to the value and importance of education, or the propriety and more especial necessity of a general diffusion of the blessings and advantages of its first and most generally useful branches, by means of primary schools. Coming, as you do, so recently from amongst your constituents, who have just had the whole subject under their *special* consideration, you must, it is presumed, be fully acquainted with their sentiments and wishes in relation to it, and we, therefore, deem it unnecessary to trouble you with any of our views and opinions upon this interesting topic, further than to express our ardent hope that you may be able to perfect such a system as will be generally acceptable to the people, and promote the intellectual and moral improvement of the rising generation: and thereby conduce to the strength, energy and durability of our free institutions; which are based upon the virtue and intelligence of the community.

Before we take leave of the subject of education, we must beg to be permitted to call the attention of the legislature to the situation of St. John's College, located immediately under their eye, (in a healthy country and amidst a polished society,) which is beginning again to rank among the best seminaries of the country; having at this time five Professorships, (one having been added during the present year,