

believes to be incorrect, and against which it will be his duty, when the fitting occasion arrives, to record his protest.

Omitting, however, for the present, further reference to these points, and looking merely to the practical object which your Lordship had in view in your communications with Earl Grey, I am desired by His Excellency to observe, that while he is most desirous that the means of obtaining Education in its highest branches should be placed as extensively as possible within the reach of the Youth of the Province, he conceives that there are grave objections to the multiplication of Academical Institutions having authority to grant Degrees in Arts in a Country where the number of young men who can devote to study the necessary time to qualify them for such Degrees is not large.

It is true that the authority to grant such Degrees has been conferred on the two denominational Colleges of Queen's and Victoria. It may be doubtful, however, whether they have, in effect, derived any essential benefit from its exercise; and on the whole, His Excellency is inclined to think that the case of the Institution in question furnishes an argument rather against the expediency of conceding such powers, than in favor of it.

It may, however, be observed, that if a denominational character had not been originally imparted to King's College, these Charters would, in all probability, not have been granted.

Under these circumstances, His Excellency is desirous, before replying to the communication which Earl Grey has addressed to him on this subject, to ascertain whether a Royal Charter in favor of the Institution which you propose to establish restricting the power of granting Degrees to those in Divinity, would be acceptable to your Lordship and the Members of the Church of England generally.

It appears to His Excellency that such a College, under your Lordship's immediate direction and control, would afford a better security for the faith and morals of the youth of the Church who might frequent the University of Toronto, than was given by the Constitution of King's College, as fixed by the Act 7 Wm. IV. cap. 18, under which that Institution was brought into operation.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient servant,
(Signed) J. LESLIE.

The Honorable and Right Reverend
The Lord Bishop of Toronto.

TORONTO, 20th January, 1851.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge your Letter of the 11th inst., on the subject of the proposed Church of England University, and