

## APPENDIX TO THE ELEVENTH VOLUME OF THIS HISTORY.

In order, as far as possible, to give a consecutive and chronological completeness to each of these Volumes of the "Documentary History of Education in Upper Canada," I shall insert, (as an Appendix to each Volume,) sketches of such of the Educational Institutions in Upper Canada as may apply to the Legislature, in the course of the then current year, for Charters, or which, as in the case of Saint Michael's College, Toronto, applied to the Senate of the University of Toronto on the 12th of June, 1855, for affiliation with that University. [See page 276 of this Volume.]

Some years ago the Reverend J. M. Soulerin, Superior of the College, furnished me with a Sketch of the College in its early days, which I insert herewith. The after history of the College, as developed in the Jubilee Volume of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto,—so kindly presented to me by the present head of the College—the Reverend Doctor Teefy,—) will be published in a subsequent Volume.

## I. SAINT MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE, TORONTO.

In his note, enclosing the following Sketch, the Reverend J. M. Soulerin stated, that the,—

"College received its first Students in a small House on Queen Street,—near Church Street,—It was soon after transferred to a portion of St. Michael's Palace. But the number of Students increasing rapidly, the project of a larger Building, to be erected on Clover Hill, was formed in 1854.

This Institution was established in 1852, by some Clergymen of the Order of Saint Basil, which has for its immediate object the training and instruction of youth. It was incorporated in 1854 by an Act of our Provincial Parliament.\* A success, as decided as unexpected, considering the brief period of their career, has crowned the endeavours of these Gentlemen, in the cause of imparting a sound and substantial education. Already no less than Four hundred Students have received, if not the whole, at least the greater part, of their education in this Establishment; some of these embraced the ecclesiastical state, and propose to devote their lives to administering to the spiritual wants of their fellow men, others are to be found discharging the arduous duties of the liberal professions, whilst many are engaged in a mercantile career.

2. This Institution possesses all the advantages that could be desired with respect both to its situation and its course of study. 1st. With regard to its situation, it has a fine, healthy and picturesque location, being on a slight eminence 125 feet above Lake Ontario, and surrounded by a beautiful grove which affords the students a pleasing and refreshing retreat during the heat of Summer. 2nd. As respects the Course of Study pursued in this Establishment: It is such as to meet the exigencies of all classes, consisting of two distinct branches, videlicet, the one Commercial, and the other Classical. The first is for such pupils as require only sufficient education to carry them through the ordinary pursuits of life. . . . The second is adapted to those who wish to follow a learned profession. . . . Students can also receive lessons in German, Drawing and Music, if their Parents, or Guardians, desire it. Religious training, the basis, or foundation, of all Education, receives that particular attention which its importance requires. The Professors, being a Teaching Fraternity, have been trained in the school of experience, and, consequently, are fully capable of imparting a good sound education. . . .

\* This Act is printed on pages 132, 133 of this Volume.