

RESULT OF THE APPEAL FOR MEANS TO ESTABLISH THIS CHURCH UNIVERSITY.

12. We appealed first to our own people and they came forward as one man to replace the Seminary, of which we had been unjustly deprived. We went to England and Ireland, and the same Christian spirit of liberality met and encouraged us. We sent our Messenger to our brethren in the United States, and his journey was one of triumph through that mighty land—a jubilee of Christian love and exultation. He was everywhere met with the kindest greetings; gifts and donations were poured into his lap with joy and gladness and with prayers and blessings, that the privilege had been given them of showing their Christian affection.*

13. Hence, this University, now restored to a more holy and perfect form, is the charitable work of the whole Anglican Church, and stands before us this day as a bright and lasting monument of her Catholicity. It is also a living illustration of the Communion of Saints. It has been built by the gifts of hundreds of Members of the Church of England, scattered through many regions, and all influenced by the same holy motives. Few of them can ever see, or comprehend, in this World the extent of the good they have done and are still accomplishing.

PERMANENCE OF THE GREAT WORK ACCOMPLISHED FOR TRINITY COLLEGE.

14. Trinity University will, we trust, continue for ages to sanctify this land, by sending forth, from time to time, hundreds, nay thousands of well qualified Ministers of the Gospel, to cultivate the Lord's Vineyard; and these again will gather together congregations of devout worshippers; and this Holy process, under the Divine Blessing, may be permitted to proceed from century to century, like the Universities of our Fatherland, preparing and moulding the baptized, generation after generation, for the Kingdom of Heaven—and all this, long after the contributors to the structure itself and its endowments, the Professors, the Scholars, and all who are at present connected with it, are mingled in the dust.

15. But the glorious effect of their works shall never die; and, although unknown on Earth, because they are too vast to be known, yet all shall again appear at the last day; and then the Benefactors and builders up and cherishers of Trinity College will be astonished to behold the infinite good in all its fulness, which they have, through the blessing of God, brought about, by their humble contributions, donations and prayers; because flowing from the love of God, they have been sanctified to His Glory, and produced fruits which will, on that Great Day, call forth the joy of the Hosts of Heaven.

16. It is thus, that such pious works, like Trinity College, connect the Saints who have gone before with those who are yet to come, even to the consummation of all things.

THE IMPERIAL CHARTER OF TRINITY COLLEGE, GRANTED IN 1853.

The history of the granting of a Royal, or Imperial, Charter for Trinity University is an interesting episode in the protracted controversy relating to the University question in Upper Canada.

On his visit to England in 1850, the Right Reverend Bishop Strachan placed in the hands of Earl Grey, the then Colonial Secretary, a Petition to Her Majesty the Queen, together with the copy of a Draft Charter for the proposed Church of England University in Upper Canada, which, in his Petition, he prayed the Queen graciously to grant. The request was, at the time, declined as it had not been officially made through the local Provincial Government.†

In 1851, a second Draft of a revised Charter was submitted to the Provincial Secretary, with a view to have it transmitted by Lord Elgin to the Colonial Secretary for the approval of Her Majesty and its issue under Her

*In 1853, the Reverend Doctor William McMurray, Rector of Niagara, was deputed to visit England and the United States and appeal for funds in aid of a Church of England University in Upper Canada. He was highly successful in his Mission and collected in money, lands and books an amount equal to Ten thousand dollars. The Reverend A. N. (afterwards Bishop) Bethune also collected Funds for the College in England.

†A copy of this first Draft of a Charter is printed on pages 99-102 of the Ninth Volume of this Documentary History. The second (Revised) Charter will be found on pages 260-262 of the same Volume.