

Such a man as the great Bishop whose career we have been studying, is no shadow. Neither are the things which such men pursue, shadows. The results of the life of the first Bishop of Toronto are tangible realities. They may be sensibly participated in by all of the Canadian people that choose, or in the future shall choose, to avail themselves of them. And he himself is a reality. His example, his written and spoken words, his works and deeds, will together constitute a standard and type to which, in the fluctuations of the future, there will be a recurrence. His name will be one of the things which the generations following will not willingly let die. His spirit will be still palpably marching on.

He built the principal church-edifice appertaining to his own communion four times in succession; twice as a cathedral church for his diocese; and on each successive occasion with increased grandeur and costliness. "Twins of Learning" witness for him: he founded two Universities in succession, both invested with the character borne by such institutions as originally instituted, by Royal Charter,—procured in both instances by his own personal travail; the later of the two by an individual and solitary effort, to which it is not easy to find a parallel. He saw them both in operation, investigating, conserving, and propagating truth, on somewhat different lines indeed, but probably with co-ordinate utility, as things are. The very Park, with its widely-renowned Avenue, the Champs Elysées of Toronto, in which the bourgeoisie of the place love to take their pastime, are a provision of his, that property having been specially selected by him as President of King's College, with the same judiciousness and the same careful prescience of the need of amplitude for such purposes which guided him also in choosing the fine site and grounds of Trinity College.

The Anglican residue rescued by his prowess in the final disposition of the endowments for Public Worship, he so wisely husbanded by a scheme of commutation, that funds which in due course were intended to be extinguished were transformed into a permanence, applicable in all time to the aid and maintenance of Anglican interests.