

THE SECOND LETTER

OF

THE LORD BISHOP OF HURON.

THE BISHOP OF HURON TO THE CLERICAL AND LAY GENTLEMEN
COMPOSING THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE
OF HURON.

MY REVEREND BRETHREN AND BRETHREN,—

Your resolution requesting me to lay before the Diocese the proofs upon which I have formed the opinion which I expressed, concerning the teaching of Trinity College, Toronto, has been placed in my hands. In compliance with your request, I now proceed to redeem the pledge which I gave in my pastoral, of making known to the clergy and laity of my Diocese, the grounds of my opinion, whenever called upon to do so.

Some time after my return from England, in 1858, some graduates in Trinity College applied to me for ordination, and it became my duty to examine them. I perceived that the views of some of these gentlemen, more particularly concerning the character and doctrines of the Church of Rome, were not such as I had always entertained. I sought out the cause of this, and after a good deal of examination and enquiry, I was led to the conclusion that the views held by these gentlemen were traceable to the teaching to which they had been subjected, during their university course. The mode of teaching, as described to me, appeared to be highly objectionable, and the matter taught was in my view most dangerous to all students, more especially to young men preparing for the ministry. I shall now direct attention to these two points, the mode of teaching, and the things taught.

In order that I should not fall into any error concerning