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The gathering of so many prelates, representing nearly all nations and tongues, in a common assemblage for the discussion of matters of weighty import to the Church of Rome, in relation to questions both of faith and discipline, has for the last three months formed a fruitful topic for the "Our Correspondents" of the many enterprising daily journals, whose representatives are now scattered over the face of the earth, and who, without the status of official position, have yet in some measure the importance, and in some cases no small share of the influence, of diplomats. But their labours at the Vatican Council, though ingenious to a degree, and indicative of much exertion; though suggestive, even, of much mental agony in trying to discover what has transpired in the Council, have been singularly barren of results. They have been able to tell very little, for the reason that the members and officers of the Council are under an obligation of secrecy, and that they are men of a character likely to respect it. A Bavarian paper did succeed in filching portions of a few documents, through what in this country would be called "kitchen," or "backstairs" influence; but the offending menial was promptly discovered and dismissed. As, however, he did not belong to the regular army of "Our Correspondents," his fall has been without honour, as his revelations were without importance. In this state of mystery as to the doings of the Council is it not passing strange that some of the correspondents have not yet "interviewed" the Secretary? Certainly, if there had been a few more American reporters at Rome, Mgr. Fessler would by this time have been turned "inside out," figuratively speaking, for the benefit of a curious and much believing public. If that gentleman who wrote from Paris the other week giving the positive information that the Emperor Napoleon III. died on the 8th August last "under the knife of Dr. Ricord,"—though the excellent Dr. is not charged with murder—would only go to Rome, he could surely possess himself of Mgr. Fessler's notes, at least as precisely as he did of Napoleon's death!

The office of Secretary of the Council is one of high honour and responsibility, and has doubtless been conferred upon Dr. Fessler because of his great learning and acknowledged attainments as a Theologian. He is an Austrian by birth, and is Bishop of the diocese of St. Polten.

HELLMUTH COLLEGE, LONDON, ONT.

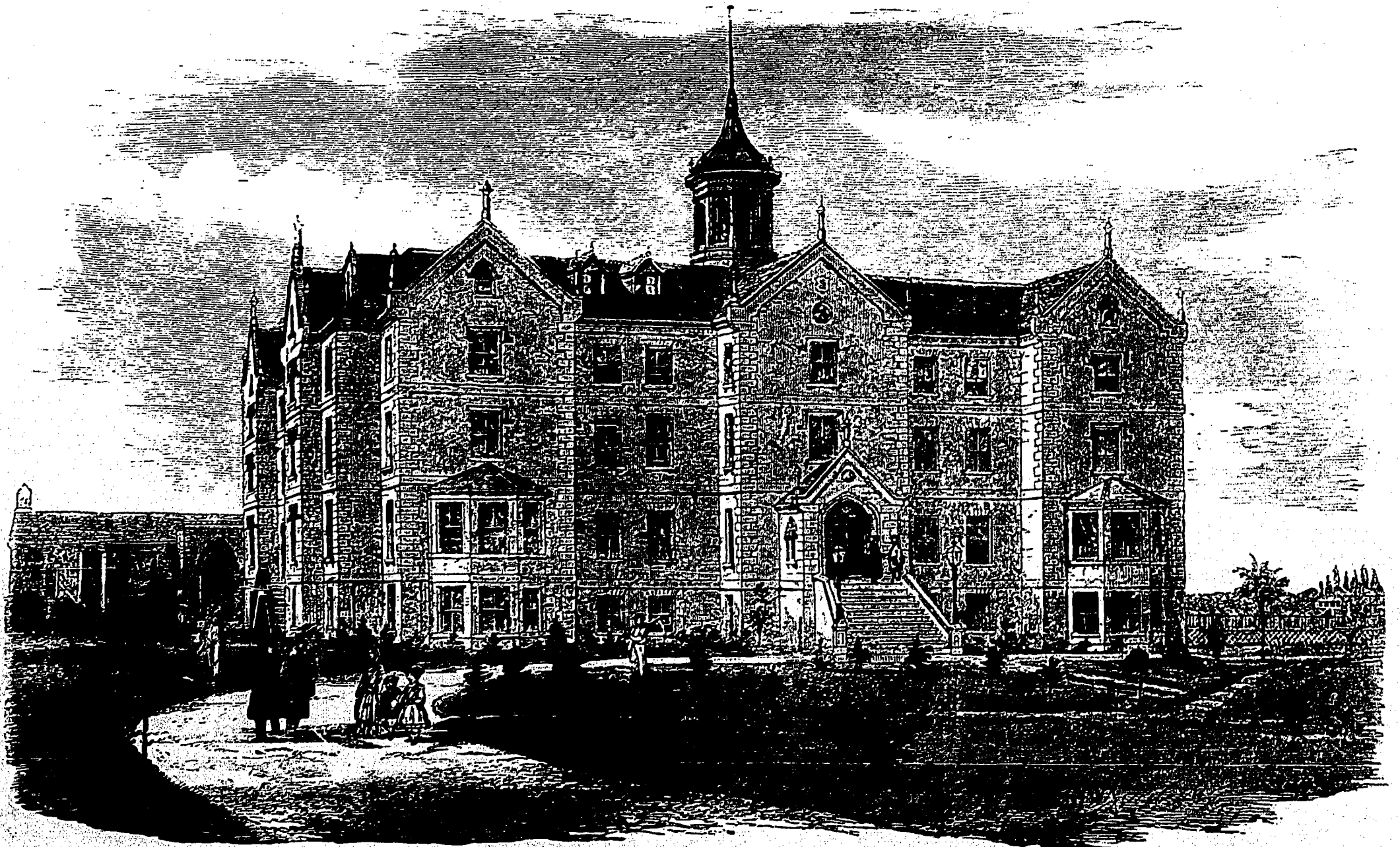
When, some ten or more years ago, the Very Rev. Dean Hellmuth proposed the



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founding of the "Hellmuth College," in connection with the Church of England, but designed to lean towards the "Evangelical" school, as opposed to what was then alleged to be the High Church leaning of Trinity College, Toronto, the enterprise was regarded as an exceedingly bold one. He entered on it, however, with confidence, and was rewarded with success, though at the cost of a large amount of his own private fortune. Dean Hellmuth is a gentleman of Jewish family from Poland, educated at Breslau, who embraced Christianity in 1841, then went to England, and in 1844 came to settle in Canada; after which, having entered the English ministry, and having come into a considerable property, he conceived the idea of extending the benefits of a first-class English education to the new Episcopal See of Huron, by the establishment of a public school, of which he undertook the entire risk and burden. Having been appointed Dean of Huron, and Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, when that diocese was set off from Toronto, he lost no time in carrying out his project, in which, it is needless to remark, he was heartily supported by the Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Cronyn. He visited England where he raised a large amount of money, mostly derived from his own property, and brought out with him a full staff of able professors, graduates of the English Universities. It is understood that Dean Hellmuth has devoted more than \$80,000 of his own means to the establishment of this institution, of which we give an illustration in this number. The College has so far proved very successful, there being an attendance of about 150 boys, and the principles on which it is conducted are such as obtain in the best English schools of the same class.

But the zeal of the Very Rev. Dean in the cause of Education did not stop with this institution. Encouraged by its success, he has also founded the "Hellmuth Ladies College," an institution which has absorbed some \$10,000 of his own means; and which, in September last, it may be remembered, was formally opened by H. R. H. Prince Arthur, accompanied by His Excellency the Governor-General, Sir John A. Macdonald, Lieutenant-Governor Howland, the Bishop of Huron, and other notables. It is situated on the Thames about a mile and a half further from the city than the boys college, and is designed for the instruction of about eighty young ladies, under the care of Mrs. Mills, late lady principal of Queen's College, Harley Street, London, (Eng.) Dean Hellmuth's liberality has been still further manifested by the endowment of a theological college for the training of clergymen, for the diocese of Huron.



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