

TRINITY UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY FEDERATION.

"He who freely magnifies what hath been nobly done, and fears not to declare as freely what might be done better, gives ye the best covenant of his fidelity, and that his loyalest affection and his hope wait on your proceedings."—MILTON.

THE Church of England has always, both before and since the Reformation, manifested a deep interest in education. However far the secularizing tendency which has almost revolutionized modern Oxford and Cambridge may proceed, to whatever extent the old ecclesiastical foundations may be mingled with those of various modern denominations, history will ever recognize the inestimable privileges which those ancient and venerable seats of learning, through the zeal of the Church, have with a liberal hand conferred upon the youth of England.

The Anglican Church has always taken an interest in education.

Now, just as in the individual the frequent repetition of identical or similar actions invariably produces habit, so in the lives of institutions, traditions handed down from generation to generation have a tendency to become more and more firmly rooted, and so long as the institution preserves its beneficent character, and provided the tradition have its roots in true principles, it may safely be predicted that it will continue to manifest in some form or other its living power over successive generations, and so it is that in spite of that same secularizing tendency, (which, let it be borne in mind, I am here neither approving nor condemning), the Church of England was never more zealous, active and influential than to-day in the great cause of education.

It may be safely assumed that this tradition survives in the Anglican Church in Canada, and that in the breasts of her members there still lives a pure faith in the ennobling and civilizing power of education, for of all religious bodies it may without conceit be affirmed that the Church of England most distinctly recognizes the great truth that *all* the faculties of men are Divine

This tradition survives in the Canadian branch of that Church.