

accumulation of miscellaneous papers, would furnish a work which it may be anticipated, would be thought well worth presenting to the world ; and it is possible that, at some distant day, one or other of the members of his family, if any of them should enjoy sufficient leisure, may engage in such a task. It would then be seen how much more he watched and toiled for the interests of Religion and Education than was ever known to the world. His sketch for the formation and government of an University at Montreal, has been communicated to the civil and ecclesiastical authorities of U. C. who are engaged in framing such an establishment under the auspices of H. M. Government at home ; and it is believed that they have regarded it as supplying valuable hints.

It may not be uninteresting, under all the circumstances of the case, to add some particulars of the private history of the Bishop, and some account of the ecclesiastical affairs with which he was connected.

His Lordship was descended from a very respectable French Protestant family, who took refuge in England, upon the revocation of the Edict of Nantz—(the name having been originally *Montaigne*,) and became possessed of a moderate landed property in the county of Norfolk. His father, at the time of the Bishop's birth, resided upon his estate, at Thwaite Hall, in that county ; and, being much known and noticed for his agreeable and social qualities, which introduced him to a familiar intercourse with persons of a higher rank than his own, in some degree injured his property. He died about seventy-two years ago, while he was yet a young man ; and while the Bishop, his younger son, was yet an infant :—leaving his widow and four children with a sufficient independence, although far removed from wealth.

The Bishop received the first part of his education at a good grammar-school at Wyndham ; and was afterwards removed to Norwich, where his mother then resided. He was at first designed for business ; and, at the age of about fifteen, was placed for a time, with Mr. Poole, a merchant, then Mayor of Norwich ;*—but having an utter disinclination to such a pursuit, he quitted it to follow the course of his education, which was continued at Scarning, under Mr. Potter, the translator of the Greek tragedies, with whom he was a favourite pupil, till he went to Calus College, in the University of Cambridge, of which he afterwards became a fellow. He was well known at the University, and afterwards, to the late Mr. Pitt ; and there can be no hesitation in saying, that he enjoyed the high esteem of many distinguished

* These and the foregoing particulars are stated rather more in detail than would perhaps have been otherwise thought necessary, on account of the gross inaccuracies of a statement which appeared some few years ago, in a publication, called the *Sexagenarian*. See a Communication, signed *Philalethes*, at the end of the *British Critic*, for December 1818.