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"That certainly makes a difference." It differs also from the Irish Colleges in this—that the Irish Colleges are supported by the Government, and their establishment did not interfere with or injure any other institution. But the College or University of Toronto is founded on the ruins of King's College, whose Royal Charter it has repealed under the pretence of amending it, and whose Endowment of Eleven Thousand per annum, though secured by a Patent from the Crown, and guaranteed by the pledge of Three Kings, it has has seized and appropriated to itself. "Then, if I understand it," said Sir Robert, "the Government would have made a parallel case had they seized upon Trinity College, Dublin, and not only de-stroyed its religious character but endowed with its property all the new Colleges." Such, I answered, would have been a case exactly parallel. "If so," continued Sir Robert, "it would seem a case of singular injustice and oppression, and what could never have taken place in England; but I must be more fully satisfied on this point." He then required me to send him a copy of the Statute, and such other papers as I thought might elucidate the subject, and he promised to give them a careful perusal.

On my return to my lodgings I sent the following letter, and the documents required, and with the more alacrity, because Sir Robert got evidently interested in the subject as our conversation proceeded, and became more frank and cordial, in so much so, that I felt that the reserve with which he met me at first had altogether disap-appeared :—

LONDON, 19, Bury Street, St. James's,
10th June, 1850.

SIR,

I have the honour to enclose a Copy of the Statute passed by the Provincial Legislature in Canada, by which the Royal Charter is repealed, and its endowment devoted to the support of a secular Institution, from which religion is virtually excluded.

I likewise add printed copies of Petitions to the Queen and the two Branches of the Imperial Parliament, to which upwards of eleven thousand signatures are appended; and a Copy of my Pe-tition to the Legislature of Canada, presented while the measure was in progress.

I pray that God may bless your kind interference in our behalf, so that we may obtain a Royal Charter, to enable Churchmen to educate their children from their own means and in their own way. It is a small boon considering the hardship of our case, and a simple matter of justice to which we are fully entitled.

If unhappily refused, it will add the element of religious discord to the many causes which already distract the Canadas.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) JOHN TORONTO.

The Right Honorable Sir Robert Peel, Bart., M. P.