

land and Ireland, and by their means a few young men were induced to come to this country. Still the wants of the diocese were but partially supplied, and at the present time, after six years of exertion, over 50 townships are destitute of the ministrations of the church." His Lordship then gave a history of the visits of Dr. Hellmuth to England to solicit aid for the college, and the remarkable success of these missions, and mentioned with special force the very handsome donation of the Rev. Alfred Peach, the conditions on which it was received being, "That the institution shall be avowedly for the training of students in the Protestant and evangelical principles of the church, in their natural and grammatical sense as well as in harmony with the church order and discipline."

"I congratulate the friends of Huron College that the English trustees, who are conjointly with the corporation of the college in the country to watch over the interests of our institution, are men whose names have long been before the world, as the promoters and supporters of every good work and as the great benefactors of our race. I feel assured, I have only to name these gentlemen, to excite in the hearts of all friends of the college feelings of devout thankfulness that we should be associated with such men in the management of our institution. The names of the English trustees are, the Right Honourable the Earl of Shaftesbury, the Hon. Arthur Kinnaird, M. P., the Hon. Francis Maude, R. N., the Rev. Joseph Di Chen, the Rev. Alfred Peache, Cannon Burgess, A. Haldane and Robert Baxter, Esqs."

"I have received several proofs of the deep interest which is felt in our college by friends in this country both near and at a distance. A gentleman in Kingston some time since transmitted to me \$400, and C. S. Gzowski, who was for many years a resident amongst us, has evinced the interest he still takes in our welfare by contributing £120 per annum for five years towards the endowment of a classical and mathematical chair. A gentleman connected with the college has liberally contributed \$320 per annum towards the same object. And I received within the last week a letter from which I extract the following passages. 'I am requested by a friend of the gospel to forward to you the enclosed order upon the Bank of Upper Canada for \$4,000, as a donation to your theological college for the training of young men for the ministry, who may go forth and preach Christ and him crucified. That the blessing of God may attend the institution, and that the Lord may graciously spare you to see some fruits of your labors is our earnest prayer.' This letter is without name, and signature under which it is to be publicly acknowledged is—'A friend of the gospel.' We trust that these liberal gifts from friends in our own country are as the drops which precede the shower, and that through the divine blessing those amongst ourselves who feel a lively interest in the spread of gospel truth in the land will follow the example which has been so nobly set. It is the intention of those to whom has been intrusted the management of the institution that no candidates for the ministry shall be received within its walls or sent forth from it but such as they have good reason to believe have experienced in their own souls the converting power of divine truth, applied by the Holy Spirit, and who are prepared to maintain with all steadfastness the pure and unadulterated truths of God's holy word, as sent forth in the articles, homilies, and formularies of our church. The staff with which we shall commence our operations is—The Venerable Archdeacon Hellmuth, principal and divinity professor; Rev. John Shulte, professor of modern languages; and the Rev. H. Evans, B. A., as classical tutor; and I hope to obtain the services of a gentleman with whom we are in correspondence as classical and mathematical professor."

"Our staff you will perceive, is at present small, but we expect that our friends in this country will assist us, and we yet hope to obtain such help from home as will enable us to place the institution upon a more respectable footing, and upon a permanent basis. One resolution we have made concerning the management of the institution is, that, as we have hitherto proceeded without incurring any debt, so we shall continue, using such means as in the providence of God are furnished by the liberality of our friends, and not launching out into any expenses which we are not fully prepared to meet. We intend, with God's blessing, to follow out the injunction of the apostle, 'Owe no man anything, but to love one another.'

"It will be one aim of those who shall direct the studies of the students in Huron College, to make him thoroughly acquainted with the writings of the reformers of the 16th century, that they may thus be fully aware of the evils from which the church was then delivered, and may dread the slightest approach to that system of false doctrine which, for ages, hung, like a dark cloud, over the church, and shut out the light of God's saving truth from so many nations of the earth."

"There is a danger at the present time that the minds of men in England and in this country may be so filled with horror at the bold infidel suggestions which have been advanced even in high quarters,

that the subtle progress of those whose object is to bring our church again under the yoke of Rome may be overlooked as being an evil of less magnitude than the other. But the view which I have been led to take of this matter is altogether different. I believe that the sound common sense and reverence for scripture generally entertained by the English people will, after the first excitement has passed away, reject with horror the infidel suggestions which have been advanced, and will consign to merited disgrace those who have been their authors."

"I will conclude my address with the recital of a pleasing incident which occurred when Dr. Hellmuth was soliciting aid for Huron College, in England. He called upon two ladies residing near Bath; they are the daughters of the late General Simcoe, who was the first governor of Upper Canada. These ladies have ever taken a lively interest in Canada, and they have evinced their earnest desire to promote the progress of Huron College, by contributing to its funds, and by presenting to it the picture of their father, to be placed in the college; that picture is now before you. Governor Simcoe explored this country before roads were formed or townships surveyed. He encamped on the banks of the Thames, and it was he who fixed upon the site of this city, and called it "London," and in his journal which is in the possession of his daughter, and which Dr. Hellmuth has seen, it is recorded that he and his staff at one of their encampments, it may be on the site of our city, knelt and prayed that God's light and truth might penetrate these regions, and that His blessing might rest upon the country. On that occasion Governor Simcoe was attended by the late General Evans, as one of his staff, and it was by advice which he kindly gave me before I left Ireland to come to Canada, that my course was directed to the London District as being in his opinion and in that of Governor Simcoe, the part of Canada best adapted for settlers from England and Ireland. By this chain of coincidences, then, my presence here to-day is thus linked with the visit of Governor Simcoe to the site of the City of London."

"I shall not any longer occupy the time of the meeting, but will call upon my Right Rev. brother, Bishop McIlvaine, of Ohio, to favor us with an inaugural address, which he has so kindly undertaken to deliver."

When his Lordship had closed, he introduced his brother prelate, the learned and highly esteemed bishop of Ohio, the Right Rev. Dr. McIlvaine, who said he was happy to be present on the occasion of such an interesting ceremony as the inauguration of the Huron College, coming as he did from across the lines, and pleased he was to congratulate the Bishop of the Diocese and the Venerable Archdeacon of Huron, for the active part they had taken in bringing the Huron College to such a satisfactory position. To the Bishop of Huron was due the origination of this noble design, and to Archdeacon Hellmuth was due much for commending the cause which he had so nobly pleaded for in England. He had had the pleasure of being present in England at the time the archdeacon was collecting funds for the Huron College, and he could say with all confidence that much self-sacrifice, energy, and attention was given to the noble work which he had to accomplish. They owed much to that eminent servant of Christ, the Rev. Mesac Thomas, now consecrated Bishop of Goulbourne, and who was ever a warm friend of the speaker and Dr. Hellmuth. The Right Reverend Prelate then entered into a statement of the basis and future operations of the Huron College. He was glad to learn that the teaching of this institution was to be purely evangelical. He liked the term evangelical, although many ministers of the gospel did not like it. It was received with the greatest attention and respect, and during its rehearsal, demonstrations of applause and enthusiasm were frequently manifested.

At its conclusion, the Hon. Mr. Foley, being called on by his lordship to move the first resolution was cordially received by the assembly. He said he had listened with the greatest satisfaction, as every one present must have done, to the admirable and profound address of the Right Reverend Prelate, and fortunately for him there was little left for him to say. He could not help, however, adding his humble sense of commendation to the remarks made in reference to the exertions of his lordship, to bring to maturity a scheme so noble in itself, and so promising of advantage and permanent benefit, not only to the Church and this Diocese, but throughout the Province at large. (Hear, hear) These exertions were such as he could hardly, with propriety, characterise in his lordship's presence, but they were felt and worthily appreciated in every section of his extensive jurisdiction. So too would he (Mr. Foley,) have wished to speak of the laborious devoted efforts of the venerable archdeacon, to forward and establish on a permanent basis, the institution of which this day's proceedings were the commencement. Having been honoured with the, to him, pleasing duty of introducing and carrying of the act of incorporation through parliament, he could speak with a personal knowledge of the actions of the archdeacon, and to them in conjunction with that of his lordship, were the churchmen of the diocese indebted for the unanimous carriage of