

degrees, or the apportioning of subjects, authors, or text books for the College. This all-important duty was left to be settled by the heads of rival colleges, with such aid or check as the other nominees of the Governor-General might render. Of those, the Honourable Chancellor Blake was appointed Chancellor of the University, and devoted himself with unwearied fidelity to carry out the system of national university education of which the Hon. Robert Baldwin and himself were consistent champions. With them must also be associated Mr. John Langton, of Trinity College, Cambridge, who both then, and subsequently as Vice-Chancellor, rendered invaluable services to the University.

Had such a spirit of wise liberality been manifested in 1827, there would have been no rival Colleges to conciliate. But they were not only forced into existence, but irritated into bitter antagonism; and the success of the liberal scheme on which the University was remodelled depended largely on the willingness of their representatives to ignore past rivalries and coöperate in a national scheme for higher education. Without this, under the newly constituted senate, the University and College could not possibly work in harmony so as to carry out the true purposes for which they were called into being. The new Act did indeed proclaim the various denominational colleges to be affiliated; and, had they accepted this relationship to the University all might have worked successfully. But the heads of the denominational Colleges assumed the government of a University with which the institutions they represented would have nothing to do. As for the Provincial College, its old staff of Dr. McCaul, Dr. Beavan, Dr. Croft and Professor Buckland, had been augmented by Professor Cherriman, Dr. Wilson, Dr. Forneri, and Professors Chapman and Hincks; but they had no voice in determining the system of study on which their whole teaching depended. The ideas involved in that scheme continue even now to hamper the University. The Province possesses in the present College staff men selected for special efficiency in their various departments, appointed by the Crown, and removable if incompetent. They are all University-bred men, with the experience of Oxford, London, Edinburgh, Berlin, Leipsic, and Toronto. In any European University their seat on the

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