

*Report of the former Chairman of the Special Committee on an application  
to the University of Trinity College, Dublin.*

TORONTO, 28th September, 1896.

DEAR MR. VICE-CHANCELLOR,—Pursuant to the resolution of the Senate adopted on the 8th of June last, authorizing me to arrange, if I could do so, with the University of Trinity College, Dublin, for the affiliation of the University of Toronto on the same terms and conditions as those on which the University has already been affiliated with the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, I have the honor to report that, after receiving in Dublin the resolution of the Senate, I called on the Reverend George Salmon, D.D., Provost of Trinity College, and explained to him the desire of the Senate for the affiliation of our University. He informed me that the sessions of the College Board were then over, and that it would not meet again until October, but he introduced me to several of the Senior Fellows of the University, members of the governing Board, to whom I explained the position of our University, its educational standards, the action of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge in granting to us the privileges of affiliation, and the desire of the Senate to obtain similar privileges from the University of Dublin. And I also fully explained to them the reasons why such privileges should be extended to the University of Toronto, and answered, I trust satisfactorily, the questions asked of me by such members of the Board as I had the privilege of meeting.

They informed me that their University had not as yet made regulations similar to those adopted by Oxford and Cambridge for the affiliation of Colonial Universities. But they expressed themselves individually favorable to the policy of such regulations, and stated that if the University of Toronto presented a similar application to that presented by it to Oxford and Cambridge, it would be favorably considered, unless, as one member subsequently stated, some legal impediment in their charter, statutes or rules might prevent the University granting such affiliation privileges. But he also added that if any such impediment existed which could be got over by what he termed "a Queen's Letter," he was satisfied that such Queen's Letter could be obtained.

I therefore suggest that the Senate transmit to the University of Trinity College, Dublin, a formal application for the grant of affiliation privileges similar to those granted to the University by the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge: and I think from the observations made, and the interest manifested by the Provost and Senior Fellows in our University, that it will be successful, unless as above stated, some legal impediment may be found to interpose.

I have the honor, etc.,

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