

"ought to do nothing by halves." Her University must comprise an entire system of education based on religion. Every branch of knowledge cherished at Oxford and Cambridge must be carefully and substantially taught." (*Pastoral Charge, 1850. Bethune ut sup., p. 244.*)

I have no doubt that it was the consideration of these, along with other facts, that some years ago induced many of the leading supporters of Trinity to give favourable consideration to the proposals for the federation of the various denominational Universities with the University of Toronto. The negotiations with the Government so far as Trinity was concerned were not successful, but had the Government yielded to the demands of the Council of Trinity, there is little doubt that federation would have been accomplished. There were then as doubtless now, some who opposed the scheme on principle. They regarded it as involving a breach of trust on the part of the governing body. They felt as Bishop Strachan felt when on the secularization of King's College it was proposed that Colleges established by the several religious bodies of the Province should affiliate with Toronto University. "He protested against this thrusting forth of Christianity from the temple that she might take up her abode in porches and corners and alleys, where she would be shrouded from view or buried from sight, as something to be ashamed of."

Federation, the remedy proposed has been favourably considered before.

On the religious question I shall have something to say further on, but it is clear that those who were prepared to affiliate, provided sufficiently advantageous terms could be secured, had made up their minds and (as I hope to be able to shew) rightly, that no real breach of principle or of trust was involved but rather that the main duty with which the University is entrusted, viz, the adequate secular and religious education of the youth of the Church, could be more satisfactorily fulfilled.

At that time a good many of the students, whose opinion it is true was not entitled to any great weight, but who were capable of taking an intelligent interest in the broad outlines of the scheme, were strongly in favor of federation. But when the matter was for the time being settled, and things remained *in statu quo*, it was the obvious duty of all friends of Trinity to co-operate in a renewed effort to enlist a more generous support from churchmen, which would enable the University to increase its equipment to the point necessary to meet the continually growing demands made upon all Universities.

When the negotiations broke down, Trinity made renewed efforts on the old lines.