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TRINITY COLLEGE CHAPEL.

WITH reference to the remarks, in a former number, respecting Trinity College Chapel, we have received information on various points of some importance, which we are glad to communicate to our readers. And, in the first place, with regard to the sum mentioned as the cost of the chapel, we are informed that this amount does not cover merely the expense of the shell, but the cost of everything connected with the building, with the exception of the organ. The estimates were prepared with the greatest possible care, and the administration have no authority to spend more than twenty-four thousand dollars, an amount which they have no intention of exceeding, and which it will not be necessary to exceed.

It will be seen, therefore, that the case we alluded to is not likely to bear any resemblance to that of the College Chapel, as the increase was not in excess of the amount specified by the contractor, but simply—that which very commonly happens—an advance upon the amount originally contemplated, when the plans were prepared. This is a quite novel occurrence, whereas there is no reason for exceeding the contract, unless extras be added, and this there is no great difficulty in avoiding.

Some considerable portion of the expenditure we are assured, is to take the form of a memorial erected to a deceased relative at the expense of gentlemen to whose munificence the College and diocese are and ever will be deeply indebted. This circumstance throws a new light upon the total amount proposed to be expended. It would seem hardly proper to lay out upon costly interior decoration money contributed by the public at large for the purposes of the College. It is quite another matter when money is subscribed for this express purpose by those who may wish either to give expression to their affectionate remembrance of the departed or to advance the progress of ecclesiastical art in the country. If the suggestion which has been made by some, that a temporary building should be provided, had been adopted, the very considerable sum presented for the purpose just mentioned would not have been available; besides which, the public are slow to approve of the expenditure of money on temporary buildings which must soon give way to others, leaving nothing to show for the cost of their erection.

We are glad to learn that the foundation of a Chair of Science, upon the necessity of which we have repeatedly insisted, and of a suitable hall for scientific purposes, is the very next thing contemplated by the University of Trinity College. From the responses already made to the appeal for a supplementary endowment of \$200,000 to the college, a liberal response has already been made; and it is hoped that the whole amount may be obtained without any considerable delay.

If any of our readers who may not already have given their contributions to this useful and necessary work should feel, as we do, the need for increased teaching power, especially in the scientific

department, they will hasten forward this needed addition, by subscribing to the supplementary endowment fund.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

WE are glad to see a movement for the establishment of an Industrial School in Toronto, the need of which is only too apparent from the number of young children growing up in criminal habits, and familiarity with vice. The public school system is a total failure, so far as moral and religious influence goes, as the parents have shifted the duty of moral and religious training upon the schools, and the schools are organized to teach a being without either a moral or religious nature or capacities or needs.

On examining the list of Board of incorporators we notice the same partisan characteristics which are so miserably prominent in other public bodies in Toronto. Philanthropy in fact is made a party side show, and a party advertisement, and a party monopoly. While such is the case the granting of public monies to such party movements is a fraud upon those who do not jump with certain well-known party agitators whose names appear on every committee governing the local institutions of Toronto. Church rates were raised against vehemently as a robbery of nonconformists, but nonconformists seem to have no scruples in taxing Churchmen for the support of essentially sectarian institutions, the philanthropy being a cloak to cover their really party character.

An Industrial School is a work essentially of a State character, it is indeed a form of Reformatory. To organize such an institution and to control it should be the work of the State, the Legislature. We protest against such an institution being "run" by a clique of religious busybodies, who have made almost every philanthropic organization in Toronto a monopoly by systematically ignoring and plotting to exclude all but their own set. Having by dint of persistent party management acquired control of public institutions, they ought in common honesty to keep their hands out of those taxpayers' pockets to whom they do not allow a share in the governing power, or any representation whatever in the control and management. We hope the Industrial School will prosper, but those who run it should pay for it, or open its management to the public.

THE BISHOP OF HULL.

THE *Globe's* special correspondent says: "The appointment of the Bishop of Huron as Suffragan to the Bishop of Ripon has caused much dissatisfaction in the latter Diocese. The universal feeling is that Bishop BICKERSTETH should either retire or obtain the services as Suffragan of some one who is acquainted with and is known in the diocese. A good deal of outspoken criticism is heard upon the subject." This is quite evident from all the English Church, and Yorkshire papers also which we receive. The Archdeacons have spoken somewhat plainly about the Bishop refusing to retire when he is incapacitated; letters are appearing from clergymen in the diocese who have been advised to retire by the Bishop because of age, while he holds on himself. Yorkshiremen are the most outspoken of mortals, the sense of personal independence is the grand characteristic of the men of York, and has been since the making of England. They are people to be feared by

those who are plotting any meanness or any attempt to curb their spirit. They are a people, however, beyond all others loyal, enthusiastic, self-sacrificing in support of what is noble and true in the cause of humanity and the Church of their fathers. The Bishop of HULL will readily bring his flock around him in love and dutifulness if he shews them that he has the Yorkshire spirit and rises out of the controlling reach of party cliques and agitators, and seeks to realize in his work that he is a bishop, not of a sect, but of the ancient Catholic Church of England, the Bishop of the most intelligent diocese in the old land, of a flock too intelligent indeed to tolerate partizanship or bigotry or small-mindedness in their spiritual ruler.

One point the Bishop may have to thank us for pressing on his notice. The art of part singing was first known in Yorkshire; it seems intuitive there in a crude form, they will not stand any nonsensical objections to musical services, like we are compelled to do in Canada, in subjection to persons whom God has deprived of musical ears. The Bishop of HULL must not attempt any Canadian restrictions on music or he will be in a hornet's nest soon. The parish church, Leeds, and Dr. Hook's wonderful work, success and popularity will be a model and guide and stimulus which he should diligently study and follow.

Bishop BICKERSTETH's rule has not been for some time a success; of late years the Church in the Ripon diocese has been losing ground, his retention of office when unable to do its work, is severely, is universally condemned. The Bishop of HULL, therefore, will need to put forth all his energies to make up lost ground and keep up current duties. Our West Riding friends must not be hasty in judging their new Bishop, the party papers are not fair, much less charitable in their allusions to him. It is hurtful to any man's powers to be received by prejudice and ill-will, it is most unjust when the new comer is so entire a stranger. As to his being a Canadian, remember this, Yorkshiremen, that out of your county Bishops have gone into every diocese of the English Church at home and abroad, and none complained of their being Yorkshiremen. Show, then, a nobler spirit than you have been incited to cherish, and receive your Bishop in confidence, love and hope.

A NOBLE CHARACTER.

THAT the world is better than the pessimists proclaim, those know who test it for goodness and not for evil. That the world is infinitely richer than we know is again and again shown by the lives of men coming to public light whose beauty has been shrined in a private sphere. The *Guardian* has this sketch of a noble character: "One of the highest and most responsible dignities in the Church of England is vacant for the second time within the brief space of seven months by the death of GEORGE HENRY CONNOR, Dean of Windsor. Before it was possible for him to justify the expectations of his Sovereign or of the friends who knew him best, and who recognized in him almost every quality which could adorn his great position, he has been taken to his rest; translated from the presence-chamber of the earthly monarch into that of the King of Kings. The outlines of his life of uninterrupted labour and usefulness have been given to the world, which knows that the Queen chose for that post in the Church which in-