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WE meet to-day as a College under peculiar circumstances, with our organization already modified by recent legislation; which nevertheless still awaits the proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor before it can come into full effect. The primary object of the University Federation Act, in which we heartily sympathise, is the union of denominational Universities and Colleges in loyal co-operation with the national University for the furtherance of their common aims. Happily, however, the occasion has been turned to account for a revision of the University scheme in other aspects; and we welcome it as removing restrictions which had long hampered us.

This is all the more creditable to the Minister under whose special directions the measure has been framed, when it is seen that the tendency of recent legislation has been largely to undo the work of older reformers, and restore to the University rights and privileges conferred on it by its Royal Charter sixty years before. By that charter of 1827, a College was established at Toronto—or York, as our city was then called,—“with the style and privileges of a University;” and it was soon after endowed by patent with a portion of the lands which the wise foresight of the pilgrim