

**FORMATION OF A LADIES' ASSOCIATION**  
 IN AID OF THE COLORED REFUGEES.—A large and very interesting meeting of Ladies, was held on Monday in the Lecture room of the Mechanics Institute, for the purpose of organizing a Ladies' Association, in aid of the Coloured Refugees, who are daily landing on our shores, in a helpless and destitute condition. The following ladies constitute the Committee for the present year with power to add to their number:—*President*:—Mrs. Arnold. *Vice-Presidents*:—Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Brett, Mrs. Dr. Burns, Mrs. Roaf, Mrs. Rose. *Treasurer*:—Mrs. Dr. Willis. *Secretaries*:—Mrs. T. Henning, Miss McNally. *Corresponding Secretary*:—Mrs. Esson. *Committee*:—Mrs. Badenach, Mrs. Beckman, Miss Brown, Mrs. Cheney, Mrs. Capt. Dick, Mrs. Dunlop, Mrs. Fiske, Mrs. Freeland, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Hay, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Hirschfelder, Mrs. Hurlburt, Mrs. Jacques, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. McClure, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Short.

The *Detroit Tribune* of the 21st inst., contains information of the arrest, in that neighbourhood, of a gang of thirty-eight railroad robbers. For the last year or two they have torn up the track of the central road, leading to Detroit, thrown obstructions on the rails for the purpose of upsetting the cars, and carried on a wholesale and retail system of plunder, which is thus spoken of by the *Tribune*:—"No species of crime, no ingenuity of plan, no want of means for their hellish purpose, were left unknown. Counterfeiting, horse stealing, incendiarism, burglary, robbery, and the smallest petty larceny, to say nothing of other diabolical intentions, were the sworn objects of this monstrous organization. So hardened and lost to every conscientious feeling were these associates, that one of their recent hellish designs was to blow up the track and cars by an ingeniously contrived torpedo, which was so arranged as to be ignited by the locomotive, and explode while the passenger cars should be over it, and thus destroy the lives of unoffending passengers." Fortunately for the ends of justice, an employe of the Company insinuated himself into the confidence of the robbers, and having obtained full information respecting their plans, has given a check to a system which baffled the vigilance of the company for eighteen months. "Among the prisoners arrested are three Justices of the Peace, five Physicians, one Judge and four Constables—the latter belonging to the township of Leoni, and not an officer of which, from Supervisor down to Postmaster, but is said to be implicated in the affair."

**COPYRIGHT WORKS.**—The *Official Gazette* of Saturday contains a proclamation giving the Royal assent to the Act of this Province, affecting the importation of reprints of works, on which the copyright exists in Britain, and fixing the duty at 12 1/2 per cent on the importation of such reprints. Lists of the works liable to such duty must be published in the *Gazette* by the Customs Department.

**LAND SLIDE.**—On the 10th inst., about two o'clock, P.M., a considerable land slide took place in the Parish of St. Leon, near Quebec, in the same neighbourhood as one of the same kind some years ago. About four acres of land began to move all at once, carrying along a house and the family within. The slide being stopped for an instant in its progress, the family had time to rush from the house, which a moment after, disappeared from before them, to be engulfed in the masses of earth. No person was lost, and the inhabitants turned out with celerity and constructed for the unfortunate family another house to protect them from the inclement weather.—*Gazette*.

A Pic-Nic on an extensive scale, is about to be held at Rice Lake, on the 18th of June next, the proceeds to be appropriated to the liquidation of the debt on a new English Church, lately erected there. The Mayor of Cobourg has placed his steamer *The Forester*, at the disposal of the Committee on that day—also all the sail and row-boats on the lake have been secured in order to afford the visitors an opportunity of bass and maskilonge fishing with which the lake abounds. The committee contemplate inviting parties from New York, Boston, Buffalo, Rochester, Toronto, Kingston, and elsewhere. To the picturesque loving community this will be a great treat, as the lake abounds with some of the most beautiful scenery in Canada.—*Constitutional*.

The Legislative Council of New Brunswick has rejected the bill to make that body elective by a vote of 10 to 7.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

LETTERS received to Wednesday, April 16th, 1851:—C. Brent, Esq., Kingston, rem.; H. Caddy, No. 1, rem.; Bishop of Barbadoes, rem.; R. Brown, Katesville, rem.; A. Henderson, rem.; Wm. Landcaster, rem.; E. Chapman, Lennoxville, rem.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The communication of H. C. C., was too late for insertion, we do not agree with his construction of the statute. Several other communications are unavoidably postponed.

THE CHURCH.

TORONTO, THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1851.

The Bishop of Toronto begs to inform his Brethren the Clergy of the District of Niagara, that he intends, (D.V.) to confirm at their several Missions and Stations in accordance with the following list, May 1851:—

Wednesday 14,	Grimsby	11, A.M.
Thursday 15,	Jordan	10, A.M.
" 15,	Port Dalhousie	3, P.M.
Friday 16,	St. Catharines	11, A.M.
" 16,	Eight Mile Creek	3, P.M.
Saturday 17,	Niagara	11, A.M.
" 17,	Queenston	3, P.M.
Sunday 18,	Thorold	11, A.M.
" 18,	Port Robinson	3, P.M.
Monday 19,	Drummondville	10, A.M.
" 19,	Chippawa	3, P.M.
Tuesday 20,	Fort Erie	11, A.M.
Wednesday 21,	Bertie	11, A.M.
" 21,	Marshville	2, P.M.

Thursday 22,	Port Maitland	11, A.M.
" 22,	Dunnville	3, P.M.
Saturday 24,	Cayuga	3, P.M.
Sunday 25,	York	11, A.M.
" 25,	Caledonia	3, P.M.
Monday 26,	Jarvis	11, A.M.
Tuesday 27,	Walpole	11, A.M.

Should there be any error or omission in this list the Bishop requests the Clergyman interested to notify him of the same in time to be corrected.

TRINITY COLLEGE.

Yesterday, the corner-stone of the University of Trinity College was laid by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

Early in the morning, the weather presented a threatening appearance; but the day proved as auspicious as could be well desired, and the sun shone brightly and cheerily during the whole of the deeply interesting and most solemn proceedings.

Shortly before one o'clock, the Bishop, and a numerous body of the clergy, amounting, as nearly as we could calculate, to about one hundred, together with the Medical Faculty, the College Council, &c., met at the residence of the Hon. Henry Sherwood, which is immediately opposite St. George's Church, and had been most kindly placed at the disposal of the Incumbent, to be used as a Vestry-room.

At one o'clock, the procession marshalled by Major G. T. Denison, proceeded to the Church in the following order:—

- The Sexton.
- The Churchwardens.
- The Beadle of the College (carrying the Mace).
- The Solicitor.
- The Architect.
- The Council (two and two).
- The Medical Faculty (two and two).
- Clergy in Gowns (two and two).
- Deacons, in surplices and hoods (two and two).
- Rural Deans, in surplices, hoods and stoles (two and two).
- Organist.
- Conductor.
- The Rev. M. Harris.
- The Rev. J. Grier.
- F. Evans.
- B. Cronyn.
- The Chanter (Rev. E. Lindsey Elwood, M.A.)
- Incumbent (Rev. Stephen Lett, L.L.D.)
- Ven. Archd'n. of Kingston.
- Ven. Archd'n. of York.
- Domestic Chaplain and Secretary to the Lord Bishop.
- Vergers.
- Chaplain.
- THE LORD BISHOP.
- Chaplain.

The arrangements in the Church were deserving of all commendation. Notwithstanding that the sacred edifice was filled with worshippers, not the slightest confusion occurred; and the several parties engaged in the business of the day were enabled to find their appropriate seats without difficulty or inconvenience.

Prayers were intoned by the Rev. E. L. Elwood, of Goderich, in a most solemn manner, the responses being given by the choir with corresponding effect. Mr. Humphreys conducted the musical part of the service in a style which we cannot too highly commend. The correctness with which the choir executed the music entrusted to them, demonstrated that diligent and judicious attention had been given to the practicing. At the late hour when we write, we can only mention that the Services were by Ebdon, the Anthem by the Rev. Dr. McCaul, and the Psalms by Mr. Humphreys.

The sermon was preached by the Venerable the Archdeacon of York, and was in every point of view appropriate to the occasion. It was our intention to have laid an abstract of it before our readers, but as we learn that in compliance with a very generally expressed wish, there is a probability of its being given to the public, we forbear doing so. We may simply observe, that it embodied a vigorous and high-toned protest against the sin, unhappily too prevalent in the present day, of divorcing Christianity from education, and devising schemes for the intellectual advancement of mankind, without reference to the sanctifying spirit of the Gospel. The discourse was listened to with marked attention, and we think is calculated to be of extensive utility.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the offertory was read by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Kingston, when the sum of £38 18s. was collected in aid of the funds of the University.

When the Service was concluded, the Bishop, the Clergy, and the Congregation formed in procession at the western end of the Church, and proceeded thence down John-st. and along Queen-st. to the site of the College, marshalled by Major G. T. Denison, jr., in the order undermentioned.

- Beadles.
- Pupils of Church Grammar Schools.
- Principals and Assistants of Church Grammar Schools.
- Contractors.
- Clerk of the Works.
- Members of the Faculties of Arts, Medicine, Law, Divinity.
- The Clergy.
- Yeoman Beadle.
- Church University Board.
- Collector.
- Architect.
- Secretary.
- Solicitor.
- Students in Medicine.
- Students in Divinity.
- Professors.
- Council.
- Bishop's Chaplains.
- Vergers.
- Ven. Archdeacon of Kingston.
- THE LORD BISHOP.
- Ven. Archdeacon of York.
- Contributors and Friends to the College, on Foot.
- Contributors and Friends to the College, in Carriages.

On its way from the Church to the grounds, numerous carriages of the gentry accompanied the procession, and the footways were crowded with pedestrians. The scene was gay and animating in the extreme, and every thing evinced the deep interest which the people of Toronto and the Province generally took in the event.

On entering the grounds, the procession, headed by the Bishop, proceeded to the appointed site, where a large platform had been erected, capable of accommodating many hundred persons. It was crowded with ladies, anxious to witness the interesting ceremony from the commanding position which it gave them. As the procession slowly approached the spot, the scene was solemn and impressive in the extreme: and it was not until the whole body were together, that any idea could be formed of the number in attendance, which, at the time when his Lordship commenced his address, amounted to several thousand persons. So admirable were all the arrangements, that there was not a moment's pause in any of the proceedings.

On the arrival of the procession at the ground, and order having been obtained—The Lord Bishop addressed the assembly thus:

GENTLEMEN,—It would not be very easy for me to address you on this occasion, without briefly adverting to the fact, that, on the 23rd of April, 1842, little more than nine years ago, some of us assisted at the laying the foundation stone of the University of King's College, with promising hopes and sincere prayers.

The day being exceedingly fine, and the assemblage large and brilliant, the ceremony was conducted with great solemnity and magnificence. It was, perhaps, the most imposing and interesting spectacle that had ever been seen in Upper Canada, and was hailed as the harbinger of many benefits to the colony.

But vain and fleeting are the works and hopes of men, unless the Divine blessing rest upon them. The noble seminary thus auspiciously commenced in great pomp and splendour, and from which so great results were expected, found itself immediately assailed by the foes of truth, knowledge, and order. And after maintaining a feeble and troubled existence for little more than six years, it was wholly swept away; and so complete was the destruction, that the very name by which it had been honoured was suppressed, as if religion and loyalty had deserted the Province.

But forgetting those things that are behind and reaching forth to those things that are before, let us not be dismayed, but seek with increasing faith the divine aid in this our second and more sanctified undertaking, to raise a Christian Seminary where God's holy name may ever be blessed and praised.

To found a common seat of learning is a proud object of ambition, but to establish a College devoted to the cause of God and the diffusion of science, sound learning, and the true religion through so vast a region as Upper Canada, is one of those precious distinctions which are seldom attained, and associated in our imaginations as it must be, with so many gifts and blessings to young and old, it cannot fail to become a source of delightful reflection through life to all of us, who now enjoy the privilege of being present on this happy occasion.

Feeble we may seem to the world's eye, but what Seminary in the history of literature can claim an origin so pure and holy?

Trinity College is a burst of christian benevolence, to remedy an intolerable act of injustice, and to prove that all oppression is short-sighted, and sure in God's own time to be over-ruled for good.

It is peculiarly the child of the Church, from her springs, and under her wing it desires to nestle; it will breathe as she breathes, and acquire life and energy from the spiritual nourishment which she is ordained to dispense.

So soon as the buildings are completed, Trinity College will become in all her proceedings as strictly collegiate in discipline and character as the circumstances of this new country will permit; and its authorities will ever keep in view the glorious models of the Parent State, to which pure science and the Christian Faith are so much indebted. From them she will borrow a spark of that living flame by which they have been animated for so many centuries, in order that she may with God's blessing kindle similar inspirations in this Colony.

And I trust that many around me will be permitted to see Trinity College taking an honoured place among the more celebrated schools of learning; and doing for Canada what Oxford and Cambridge have done for England.

Allow me, in conclusion, to congratulate you—the city of Toronto, and the whole Province—that God has put it into the hearts of Churchmen, both here and in the Mother Country, to establish this College on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.

It will constitute a great Christian household, the domestic home of all who resort to it for instruction, framing them in the Christian graces, and in all sound learning, and sanctifying their knowledge, abilities and attainments to the service of God and the welfare of their fellow-men.

And can we doubt the result of such teaching, under the blessing of our Lord and Saviour? Has he not made us a little lower than the angels, and promised us a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, and has he not bestowed upon us his everlasting Gospel to be our constant guide, our tree of life to light us through this valley of the shadow of Death, to a happy immortality?

It has ever been the practice of Christian believers when undertaking any work of importance, to seek for Divine light and assistance.

Let us then in accordance with a custom so pious begin with offering our devout prayers to Almighty God for his blessing on this solemn occasion, and for his guidance and support to all those who now or hereafter may be connected with Trinity College whose living existence this passing hour commences.

His Lordship then offered up an appropriate prayer, which was devoutly responded to by the audience.

The bottle containing the coins and documents intended to be placed under the stone, was then handed to the Lord Bishop by Dr. Burnside, and the Hon. Chief Justice Robinson read the inscription engraved on the brass, plate which being cemented into its place, Professor Hodder, M. C., read an English translation of the inscription, after which the Architect handed the trowel to the Lord Bishop, and the stone having been adjusted, the Bishop said:

"Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
 Answer. Who hath made heaven and earth.  
 Except the Lord build the house, their labour is but lost that build it."

Upon which his Lordship having struck the stone three times with the mallet, said

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. I lay this corner-stone of an edifice to be here erected by the name of Trinity College, to be a place of sound learning and religious education in accordance with the principles and usage of the United Church of England and Ireland. Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, even Jesus Christ, who is God over all, blessed for evermore; and in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins." Amen.

After the laying the Corner Stone, Sir Allan Napier MacNab addressed the Lord Bishop to the following effect:—

MY LORD BISHOP, It affords me great satisfaction to congratulate you, and through you all the Churchmen of your extensive Diocese, upon this auspicious commencement of a work, the completion of which is ardently prayed for, by all who desire the dissemination of sound religious and secular education; combined, as on the very highest considerations they ought to be, in order that all things may work together to the glory of God, and the advancement of Christ's kingdom on earth.

The realization of their hopes, must prove likewise the accomplishment of what a long, active, and useful life spent among us, abundantly evince—is a great object, that you have for many long years devoutly and zealously laboured to effect; I trust that the blessing of God will attend the exertions of yourself and supporters to the end, and that we have here seen laid the foundation of an Institution, that shall extend its blessed influence to the latest posterity.

This is not a time, my Lord, to review the causes that have led to these renewed efforts on your part, or to recount the exertions and perseverance, through which (impelled by the highest qualities that dignify and adorn our nature) you have won the admiration, esteem and gratitude of all who know and appreciate your high merits, in the exalted and sacred office in which it has pleased Providence to place you, for the good of this community, and the welfare of mankind—they have established you in the hearts and affections of us all; and I am sure that I only express the common feeling, when I pray that you may long enjoy health and strength to prosecute your high Christian duties, with continued success. We all contemplate the happy issue of the present work, not only in its construction, but still more in its efficient operation, as of vital importance to the prosperity and well-being of the members of our Church in particular, and also of all classes of society in general; inasmuch as whatever contributes to the one, necessarily proves beneficial to the other.

An oration in Latin from the pupils of the St. Paul's Church Grammar School, Toronto, was presented by one of the pupils who read it in a clear audible voice to the Bishop, who also replied in Latin. We shall give these documents, as also the inscription in our next, it being impossible to attempt it this post, with the brief time we have before going to press.

The Ven. Archdeacon Bethune said the Bidding prayer, and the services concluded by prayers from the Rev. H. J. Grasett, and the Benediction from the Lord Bishop, after which God save the Queen was sung by the assembled thousands. Three cheers were then given for the Queen, with one cheer more; three cheers for the Lord Bishop; three cheers for the Chief Justice; three cheers for Sir Allan MacNab; and finally, three loud and lusty cheers, with one cheer more for the success of Trinity College, after which the vast crowd dispersed.

THE CLERGY RESERVE QUESTION.

It was with no little surprise that we perused an article in a late number of the *Hamilton Spectator*, in which it commented upon our observation that the defeat of Mr. McKinnon at the Haldimand election was in part owing to the fact that he "did not come forward with even the professed intention of upholding the maintenance of religion and the diffusion of Christian knowledge within this Province;" but that, "on the contrary, he was believed by many to be in favour of the infidel scheme of discountenancing all religion, and in particular of robbing the Church of its slender means;" so that had but a choice of evils. The justice of this opinion is denied, and it is hinted we would make the question of the Clergy Reserves a war-cry at the coming election. Far from it. We would maintain the settlement of 1840; others would subvert it. They have proclaimed it as the war-cry; and shall not the friends of religion, who have adopted that settlement, be at liberty to make one struggle or utter one word in its defence?

To maintain the truth of our assertion, that if Mr. McKinnon were believed to be a man who would maintain the settlement of 1840, he might have been returned, we need not go into a discussion of what Churchmen either did or might have done. It can be proved by what another religious body sharing in that settlement did. The Roman Catholic electors were told that they would have