

an Act was passed by the British Parliament, for establishing a College at York, the Capital of Upper Canada. This should have been a boon to the Province, but in an evil hour Ministers listened to the counsels of Dr. Strachan, and what has been the consequence? The Seminary has been placed under the control of "the Church," and the Arch-deacon—in other words, it has been made *the College of one sect*, and not of the people at large; and what should have been a benefit to the Province, has been turned by the alchemy of party-spirit, into a fresh source of division and discontent. Many of the Township Resolutions speak strongly on this subject; we subjoin one.

*Resolved 4th*, That by the most unfair and slanderous misrepresentations, the Rev. Archdeacon Strachan has, (in the opinion of this Meeting,) got a Royal Charter for a College at York, under the sole direction of the Church of England, which is much smaller than either of the religious denominations before mentioned, (Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists.)

*Resolved 5th*, That the tendency of a College founded on such principles, and of all the Doctor's statements, is to erect and extend a dominant Church, which, in the opinion of this meeting, is contrary to the wishes, and inimical to the literary, civil and religious liberty and happiness, of the greater portion of the Canadian population.

*Resolved 6th*, That in order to prevent the injurious effects resulting from a dominant Church, and to correct Dr. Strachan's misrepresentations, it is necessary to petition the British House of Commons, and our Colonial Legislature, to endow a College equally free for all religious denominations, and to appropriate the *Clergy Reserves*, for the purposes of general education, and the improvement of our highways.

To this we shall add the 17th Resolution of another Township, (Markham) and an extract from the petition to the King, voted by the House of Assembly on the 20th of March last.

"That a University free from religious tests, and offering literary honours and distinctions alike to all classes of Christians, is much wanted."

(*In the Petition*)—"While we fully and gratefully appreciate your Majesty's gracious intention in granting a Royal Charter for the establishment of an University in this Province, we would beg most respectfully to represent, that, as the great body of your Majesty's subjects in this Province are not members of the Church of England, they have seen, with grief, that the Charter contains provisions which are calculated to render the Institution subservient to the particular interest of that Church,