

all the courts of the Province, till His Majesty in his Privy Council had finally given the decision in favor of the Institution, whose duty it had become to prosecute for the recovery of the bequest. The suit in relation to the money bequeathed to the college was still before the Council, but he was happy to say that the residuary legatee intended to withdraw all further opposition.

It was the intention of the Royal Institution to transfer to the governors of the college the property of Burnside, and on the part of the governors he was authorized to say that they were willing to accept of it. A majority of them were either now present or consenting, for he was charged with the consent of the Governor of this Province and the Lieutenant-Governor of the adjoining Province, both of whom had expressed a desire to attend on the present occasion and it was known that there was now no Chief Justice in Upper Canada. On the part of the majority he accepted from the Royal Institution, the Charter which the secretary of that body would now read.

The Rev. Dr. Mills, Secretary to the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning, then read at length the Charter of the college.

The Lord Bishop then again rose and said that he was authorized on the part of the governors of the new college to state it to be their intention, as far as it was in their power, to carry into effect the liberal intentions of the late Mr. McGill. It was not a work in which they themselves were solely interested, but it was an institution which concerned every inhabitant of the Province, and under such feeling the governors were determined that no obstacles should deter them from following and prosecuting the views of the testator.

He deemed it unnecessary for him to exhort them upon the advantages of education as he was sure they were all of opinion that a moral and religious education, christian principles and a scientific course of studies on a true philosophical system were what it was their bounden duty to promote. The governors in assuming the Charter hoped that their exertions would meet with the co-operation of every individual within the Province.

The Venerable Archdeacon Mountain then rose and stated that as the individual named to fill the honorable office of principal of the new college, it became his duty now to say a few words. He could not but express his sense of his own unworthiness for such a distinguished office and he firmly hoped that he would be succeeded by a long line of eminent and learned principals. He had it in charge to state their anxiety to put the college into immediate operation, and he might urge as a proof of their wish that they had not been idle in this respect. With the assistance of the Hon. Mr. Cochrane, then present, they had been engaged in preparing and modelling a constitution and rules for the government of the institution. Although it was not necessary to detail at present their precise nature, yet he could take upon himself to state that they were liberal in every sense of the word, imposing no test upon professors or students. In thus applying the word liberal he wished it to be distinctly understood that he was not conveying the charge of illiberality against the noble and venerable institutions of the Mother Country, in which a test was properly exacted, of conformity to the national religion—but there were local circumstances which required local adaptation; and according both to the term 3 of the