

R E P O R T .

To *His Excellency Viscount Lord MONCK*, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and the Island of Prince Edward, &c., &c., &c.

The Commissioners appointed by Your Excellency to visit the University and University College at Toronto, met at the office of the Bursar on the 23rd of November, 1861, being a few days after receipt of the Commissions.

From that date until the opening of Parliament, when the presence of the Chairman was required in Quebec, the meetings were continued from time to time as shown by the minutes, copies of which are appended [No. 3 App.] Owing to the nature of the enquiries and questions which the Commissioners, in the discharge of their duties, put to the Bursar, to the Senate, to the President and Professors of University College, and to others, many of these questions involving great labor in the preparation of replies, considerable time has been unavoidably consumed. The information contained in these returns being of great importance, the Commissioners endeavored, as far as practicable, to carry on the investigations by written questions and replies, in order that the grounds upon which their report is based might be embodied in the Appendix, to which they respectfully refer. It is at the same time necessary to explain, that it was found impossible (and perhaps not advisable if it had been possible) to confine the investigation to written evidence, and that important information was obtained in the course of conversations, in which views and opinions were expressed which could not easily have been reduced to writing. The Commissioners further examined minutely the University and College Buildings, the Library, Museums, Heating Apparatus, &c., and also the park and grounds in which these are situated.

The Commissioners feel that it is due to the Revd. the President of University College, to the Professors and Officers of that Institution, to the Registrar of the University, to the Bursar, and indeed to all connected with the various Departments referred to in their commission, to record their sense of the courtesy and attention which they received. The investigation in some respects was necessarily of a delicate nature, involving enquiries into the duties and emoluments of a large number of individuals, but in every instance was the information courteously given, though often, as will be seen from the returns, requiring great labour and research in the preparation of replies. The Commissioners the more cheerfully make this acknowledgment, as their otherwise laborious and responsible investigations were thereby greatly facilitated, and their duties ren-