

before the Convention, with its magnificent bequest in behalf of a Christian University, for its acceptance. On that occasion, Mr. Trotter preached the educational sermon, from Rom. xiv : 8, 9. His theme was "The Lordship of Christ in the Higher Education." The clearness of his convictions and the fervor of his spirit may be gathered from the following utterances in that historic hour :

Thank God, the ideal may be actualized. We are no longer trammelled with inability. The means have been placed within our reach. It is the hour of supreme opportunity. To enthrone Christ in the realm of learning and intellect, this is the honor to which we are invited. It may need courage to leave the beaten track and enter this highway which the Lord has opened up. But brethren, the centuries are before us; and as He points to us the purpose of His cross and tomb, God grant we may rally at His call, and pressing along His highway, plant His standard where, through perhaps centuries of years, His name shall be the Name above every name, and multitudes shall be blessed in Him. To reach this ideal is the thought that lies behind that Charter recently obtained from the Legislature of the Province. I find in that charter every feature which I have sketched of the institution to be desired. The world-spirit may misunderstand and sometimes even sneer at its provisions, but depend upon it, it counts for something with the Lord of Glory that His Name and His Truth have been given their place, and that the institution projected is to be, in the fullest sense, a Christian University.

During the discussions of the Convention on the acceptance of the Trust contemplated by Senator McMaster's Will, Mr. Trotter moved the following resolution :

Resolved—That the Convention affirm its judgment that McMaster University should be organized and developed as an independent school of learning.

Educational decisions were not reached by the Convention during its meeting; but at the special Convention held at Guelph in the following March, the above resolution, with the addition of the word "permanently" before "independent," was carried by an overwhelming vote.

Loss of health compelled Mr. Trotter to seek rest for nearly two years. On resuming active duties he entered upon the pastorate of the Bloor Street Baptist Church, Toronto, in 1889. In