

manists, to the action of Christ. His words are: "Christ indeed did bid them do the same thing he had then done in his last supper; but did he then offer up himself or not?" In his notes on Stillingfleet, Dr. Cunningham does not notice this blunder—a circumstance which makes us regret all the more that he has not written an independent work on the subject. Cunningham's Notes on Stillingfleet we consider by far the ablest sketches that have ever been written on the Popish Controversy, particularly in its modern aspects; and we feel that we cannot do a greater service to our readers than recommend them to procure and peruse that masterly production.

KNOX COLLEGE—ACT OF INCORPORATION.

The subject of putting the College property under Trust has now been before the Church and Synod for several years. It has been frequently discussed at length. Several Committees have been appointed to consider it maturely and to take legal advice concerning it. We have not been rash in this matter. Fully aware of its importance to future generations, our desire has been to weigh the whole subject carefully in the light of past history and experience, and to devise such a settlement of the property as would so far as we could see, secure it to the principles of our Church, and guard us from unnecessary or improper interference by the civil courts.

In the year 1855, the Synod resolved to secure "the property to the principles of our Church as at present defined in the Standards of this body, the property to be held by Trustees elected annually by the Synod." A Committee was accordingly appointed to obtain a Deed in terms of the motion and to report to the next Synod or to a meeting to be specially called. In 1856 the Committee reported and brought up particulars of a Draft Trust Deed—but in so incomplete a form that the Synod could come to no decision regarding them. After mature consideration, the whole subject of framing a Deed for the College property, was remitted to another Committee, with instructions to take legal advice and to prepare a Deed binding the property "to the principles of the Church."

In accordance with this remit the Committee took the best legal advice in both Provinces on the subject, and were informed that no existing law permitted a body constituted like the Synod to hold property or to put property under trust; and that the only way in which the objects of the Synod could be attained was by an "Act of Incorporation," in which the Synod's power over the College would be secured and the property would be tied to the recognised principles or Standards of our Church.

Acting on this advice the Committee drew up a Draft Act of Incorporation which was sent, prior the meeting of last Synod, to every minister and to many of the elders of our Church. This Draft was also reported to the Synod; every clause of it was carefully discussed and several amendments introduced into it, and finally after mature deliberation and with all the light which could be got to guide us, the whole "Act" as amended was passed and a Committee appointed "to take steps for having it brought before the Legislature." At a subsequent diet the Synod appointed twenty-four Trustees in terms of the Draft Act eight of whom were ministers and sixteen laymen.

The Committee accordingly took the usual steps necessary to bring the Bill before the Legislature. In the meantime that there might be no mistake, the