

sanction. The request was again declined, but solely on the ground, as the Colonial Secretary expressed it, that it was, not expedient that "such ample powers as the Bishop of Toronto has applied for" should be granted, (in the proposed Royal Charter) "while negotiations are pending for the surrender of the Charters of Queen's and Victoria Colleges."*

At length, in March, 1852, a third application was made to the Imperial Authorities to grant a finally revised Charter, which was, at length, concurred in, as the other Colleges mentioned had declined to surrender their Charters. The following is a copy of this third and finally revised Charter:—

ROYAL, OR IMPERIAL, CHARTER OF TRINITY COLLEGE UNIVERSITY, 1853.

VICTORIA, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND, QUEEN, DEFENDER OF THE FAITH, TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

WHEREAS by an Act passed by the Legislature of Our Province of Canada, in the Fifteenth year of Our Reign, intituled: "An Act to incorporate Trinity College," there was constituted and established in the City of Toronto, within the Diocese of Toronto, in Our said Province of Canada, a Body Corporate and Politic, under the name of Trinity College, in connection with the United Church of England and Ireland; which Corporation is, by the said Act, made to consist of the Lord Bishop of Toronto, or, in case of the division of the said Diocese, of the Bishops of the several Dioceses into which the Diocese of Toronto might be thereafter divided, and also of the Trustees of the said College, and of the Members of the Council of the said College, not to be less than three in number, which said Trustees and the Members of the said College Council, it was by the said Act provided should be named in the first instance by the Lord Bishop of Toronto,† and in the event of their death, removal from the Province, dismissal from office, or resignation, shall be replaced by other persons to be named in like manner, or in such other manner as may, from time to time, be directed by any Statute of the said College, to be passed for that purpose.

2. And WHEREAS it is, by the said Act, further provided, that the said Corporation of Trinity College shall, besides other corporate powers and capacities necessary to the well ordering of their affairs, have full power to make and establish such Rules, Orders, and Regulations, (not being contrary to the Laws of Canada, or to the said Act,) as they shall deem useful, or necessary, as well concerning the system of Education in, as for the Conduct and Government of the said College, and of a Preparatory School, to be connected with, or dependent on the same; and for the management of the Property belonging to the said Corporation, and shall have power to hold for the said College Real and Personal Estate and Property, and to sell, alienate, convey, or lease, the same, if need be; Provided that the total yearly income from the property so acquired shall not at any time exceed the sum of Five Thousand pounds (£5,000), of current money of our said Province.

3. And Provided Also, that no Rule, Order, or Regulation which shall be made and established by the said Corporation in manner aforesaid, shall be of any force, or affect, until the same shall have been sanctioned and confirmed by the said Lord Bishop, or Bishops, as aforesaid.

4. And WHEREAS, since the passing of the said Act, the Council of the said College have, with the sanction of the Lord Bishop of Toronto, by their Petition to Us humbly set forth, that, in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act, Trinity College hath been duly organized, by the appointment of Trustees and of a College Council, and that certain Statutes, Rules, and Ordinances have been made by the said Council, with the approval of the Lord Bishop of Toronto, and further that a suitable Building has been erected, and a Provost and Professors in the Faculties of Divinity and the Arts, and in Law and Medicine, have been duly appointed, and are now engaged in the education of a considerable number of Scholars, duly admitted, according to the Statutes and Ordinances of the said Corporation, and the said College being,

* These negotiations failed, as the Authorities of neither of the Colleges named consented to surrender their Charters, or to affiliate with the University of Toronto.

† For an account of the first appointment of this Council by the Bishop, see page 286 of the Ninth Volume of this Documentary History.