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## HISTORICAL SKETCHES

No. 105. - TRINITY COLLEGE SCHOOL,  
PORT HOPE.

**T**HE destruction of this fine building by fire on the 9th and 10th of February last has called the attention of the public to it. Shortly before midnight on Saturday night, when the boys of the school were all fast asleep, the upper portion of the school was found to be on fire. With a promptitude and thoroughness worthy of all praise every boy was aroused, and, snatching what clothing he could, made a rush for the lower part of the building. When it was discovered that all the boys and all others connected with the school were safe the burning building was abandoned. The night was cold and stormy. The train that left Toronto at 9 o'clock at night on the 9th did not reach Port Hope, an ordinary journey of about two hours, till four o'clock Sunday morning (owing to the snow banks), and passengers that were awake saw the fine building still in flames.

By the kindness of the people of Port Hope the boys and others quickly found shelter and temporary homes. In the meantime the firemen of the town had arrived with their chemical engine, but owing to a wretchedly poor supply of water nothing could be done to stay the flames in the main building. In a short time there was nothing left of it but the outside walls. A brave fight, however, was made to save the new gymnasium and the residence of the head-

master, and by means of what water was to be had and a copious use of snow the struggle was successful. These two buildings remain intact.

The following is a brief history of the school taken from the columns of the *Daily Mail and Empire*: "Trinity College School was established in the village of Weston in 1865, under the headmastership of the Rev. T. H. Badgley. During the summer of 1868 it was removed to Port Hope, where the Rev. Dr. Bethune, the present headmaster, assumed control. In January,

1872, the first portion of the new building was completed and occupied. The premises consist of more than twenty acres of land, including extensive cricket grounds and tennis courts, situated on high land, about half a mile from the town, and commanding an extensive and charming view. The college building presents a south front of three hundred feet and a west front of eighty feet. It is capable of containing 150 boys, and the attendance during the present winter has been on an average about 110.

From the college

a covered passageway led into the chapel, which was most artistic, both in the style of its architecture and of the interior decorations. Close by was the headmaster's house, and on the north side of the college was the fine gymnasium of the institution, which was added only a couple of years ago. The Port Hope college has been affiliated for many years with Trinity University of Toronto. It was by an Act through the Legislature of the Province of Ontario in 1871-72 constituted a college body, under the governance of the Lord



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