

THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO AND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

BY THE PRESIDENT.

IN his graceful narrative of the history of the University of Toronto, in its first stage as King's College, the Rev. Dr. Scadding referred to "the present University College, as the concrete presentment of the somewhat abstract entity—The University of Toronto." A University independent of its teaching faculty is, in truth, little more than a mere administrative board, performing with more or less efficiency, certain functions which are valueless, apart from the instruction and training supplied. But the College and University are complementary parts of one national institution, the history of which would be defective indeed without that interesting chapter which has thus been furnished by Dr. Scadding's scholarly pen.

The heraldic bearings of the University and College tell their story very lucidly to those who are familiar with the venerable art of blazonry. The Crown, the symbol of King's College, is borne in chief on the University shield; and, as indicative of subordination, on a chevron on that of the College. The open books need no interpretation; and the beaver, emblem of Canada, aptly completes the symbolic presentment. When the two shields are impaled, as in the beautiful carving over the main doorway of the University buildings, the University and College are presented as bound in sacred and indissoluble union. The burning lamp, the College symbol of intellectual illumination, with its apt motto: *parum claris lucem dare*, is more familiarly known than the University crest, though they are both sculptured on the dedicatory tablet at the head of the grand stair in the tower. The crest of the University is an umbrageous Maple, with the motto: *crescit velut arbor ævo*; which, with the supporters, Minerva and the Dolphin of Arion, are blazoned on the memorial window in Convocation Hall. If the restless spirit of change do not end in uprooting it, there is no reason why the symbolic tree should not fulfil its motto, under the fostering guardianship of successive generations of graduates. But it will demand constant vigilance,

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