

The University of Trinity College

ITS WORK AND ITS WANTS.

Trinity's Position.

MORE than fifty years have now passed since the foundation of Trinity College by Bishop Strachan. Trinity was set apart for the purpose of providing for the youth of Ontario, especially for members of the Church of England, a sound liberal education in accordance with the principles of the Christian faith. During all these years it has faithfully done the work assigned to it, and that its efforts have not been unsuccessful is attested by the fact that, among the names of the foremost Canadians of this and the preceding generation, not a few are to be found on the roll of its graduates.

But with the changing times fresh conditions have arisen, by reason of which greater and more exacting demands have been made, not only upon Trinity, but upon all the educational institutions of the day. When the College was founded the ideal of a university contemplated little more than a thorough drilling in the Classics and simple Mathematics, which, with a little French and Chemistry, formed for no inconsiderable number of years the main subjects taught. The modern university is expected to furnish an almost boundless variety of courses of study, ranging from Spanish to Astronomy and from the practical work of the Laboratory to Political Science.

Federation.

Under these circumstances it is not surprising that the original equipment of Trinity University should have proved inadequate, and from time to time the energies of its authorities have been taxed to provide increased facilities for meeting the demands made upon its teaching staff. But those most closely in touch