

the Governors, and as Principal, to declare, as I now do, Morrin College to be opened in conformity with the Statute 24 Victoria, chap. cix., and with the will of the Founder, as expressed in his deed, of date the 26th September, 1860; and I now call on you to join with me in humble prayer to Almighty God, that he may be pleased so to bless and prosper the Institution, as that it may abundantly fulfil the benevolent intention of its Founder, and prove a means of giving to successive generations of the youth of this city and neighborhood, an enlightened education, conducted under Christian influences.

*[After prayer, and the admission of Students, the Principal proceeded as follows:]*

Having thus far discharged the duty entrusted to me, I am desirous now to take advantage of this opportunity to state shortly and simply the views entertained by the gentlemen to whom the management of the College has been committed, in respect of its purpose, utility, and prospects.

And first, as to the purpose of the Institution. That is correctly stated in the Act of Incorporation to be "the instruction of youth in the higher branches of learning, especially such young men as are intended for the ministry of the Church of Scotland in Canada." The latter clause, "especially such young men as are intended for the ministry of the Church of Scotland in Canada," has led some to suppose that Morrin College is to be simply a Presbyterian School of Divinity, and that the course of education which it is contemplated to give in it, will be regulated exclusively or mainly with a view to the professional education of ministers. This, however, is an entire

misapprehension. It might in various directions, I think, be made more extensive, must be familiar to you, and need no larger explanation. It is necessary to be free from mistake, or Universal information as to the Church of Scotland, for the ministry.

The only College is, the young men in that the object of the active and the duties of. While others. University of work of a College which should be disciplined enjoyment its duties, if necessary. The undoubtedly two, is that, of this Presbyterian being established its course of sciences of neither view