

A RECORD
AND
AN ENDURING MEMORIAL
OF THE PERSONAL WORTH AND THE GREAT PUBLIC SERVICES OF THE
REV. EGERTON RYERSON, D.D., LL.D.
SON OF COLONEL JOSEPH RYERSON,
A BRITISH OFFICER DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, AND ONE OF
THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS,
WHO SETTLED IN THIS PROVINCE.
HE WAS AN HISTORIAN OF THE HEROISM AND SELF-
SACRIFICE OF THESE EXILED UPHOLDERS ON THIS CONTI-
NENT OF THE UNITY OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

A PIONEER MISSIONARY TO THE INDIANS
AND A
DISTINGUISHED MINISTER OF THE METHODIST CHURCH,
1825—1882,
HE OBTAINED FOR THAT CHURCH A ROYAL CHARTER IN ENGLAND
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE UPPER CANADA ACADEMY AT COBOURG,
1828—1841,
AFTERWARDS
THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA COLLEGE,
OF WHICH HE WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT.

IN FOUNDING
THE SCHOOL SYSTEM OF HIS NATIVE PROVINCE,
AND IN PROMOTING
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FREE SCHOOLS,
HE DISPLAYED THE RARE GIFTS OF A
FAR-SEEING AND ENLIGHTENED STATESMAN,
AND WAS THE
ABLE ADMINISTRATOR OF THAT SYSTEM FOR
THIRTY-TWO YEARS,
1844—1876.

"It is my earnest desire . . . to provide for my native country a System of Education and facilities for intellectual improvement not second to those of any country in the world."—DR. RYERSON'S LETTER, ACCEPTING OFFICE, 1844.

"In the great work of providing for the education of the young . . . let us endeavour to stamp upon the whole rising and coming generations of Upper Canada the principles and spirit of an active, a practical, a generous and Christian intelligence."—OFFICIAL CIRCULAR, 1850.