

Victoria University.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY was founded by resolution of the Conference of the Methodist Church in Canada, held in Kingston, in August, 1830. The institution was opened for students on the 18th of June, 1836, with the Rev. Matthew Richey, M.A., as Principal. On the 12th of October, 1836, letters patent were issued by His Majesty King William IV., incorporating the institution as a seminary of learning for the Province of Upper Canada, under the name of "The Upper Canada Academy."

In 1841, the Parliament of the United Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, being now first constituted by Act of the Imperial Parliament, with authority to grant such a charter, at its first session held in the city of Kingston, passed an Act to incorporate the Upper Canada Academy under the name and style of "Victoria College, with power and authority to confer the degrees of Bachelor, Master and Doctor of the various arts and faculties," which Act was assented to by the Governor-General on the twenty-seventh of August, 1841.

On the twenty-first of October, 1841, the Rev. Egerton Ryerson, having been appointed Principal, opened the first college session under the enlarged charter.

In the year 1844, the Rev. A. McNab, D.D., succeeded the Rev. Dr. Ryerson as Principal, and occupied the office until 1849. At the close of his term the number of students in the College was 140.

In 1850, the Rev. S. S. Nelles, M.A., was appointed Principal, and addressed himself to the task of organizing and enlarging the College to the status and work of a University. In the year 1854-55, the Faculty of Medicine was added and established in Toronto. In 1860, the Faculty of Law was added, and in 1871, the Faculty of Theology.