

ORGANIZATION OF THE UNIVERSITY.



In April, 1887, a Bill was passed by the Ontario Legislative Assembly, uniting Toronto Baptist College and Woodstock College, under the Corporate name of McMaster University. In September of the same year, through the decease of the Hon. William McMaster, the Corporation of McMaster University came into possession of about \$900,000 endowment for the purposes of Christian education, as set forth in Mr. McMaster's will and in the Charter. This was in addition to the amount which had been previously raised by the denomination towards the endowment of Woodstock College, and for the land and buildings in connection with the same, as well as in addition to the property in connection with Toronto Baptist College previously provided by Mr. McMaster. In accordance with the Charter, the Board of Governors and the Senate of McMaster University entered upon the performance of their duties in November, 1887.

At the Educational Convention, held in the City of Guelph, in March, 1888, it was decided by the representatives of the Regular Baptist Churches of Ontario and Quebec, that McMaster University be organized and developed as a permanently independent institution in the City of Toronto, and that Woodstock College be maintained, with increased efficiency, in the Town of Woodstock.

At a meeting of the Senate and Board of Governors, held May 25, 1888, it was decided that "Woodstock College be organized and maintained permanently in the Town of Woodstock, as a Christian school of learning, which will provide for males a thorough and practical general education."

At the same meeting it was also decided "that the education of ladies be discontinued in Woodstock College, and that a Ladies' College be established in the City of Toronto, and opened for the reception of students, September, 1888."

This latter action was rendered practicable by the generosity of Mrs. William McMaster, who placed at the disposal of the Senate and the Board of Governors, for this purpose, on conditions which these bodies readily accepted, the McMaster residence on Bloor Street, and funds for adapting the building to its new use. Mrs. McMaster's whole gift is of the cash value of \$26,000. The institution thus founded is known as the Moulton College, and perpetuates the family name of the founder.