

unfortunately for it, Dr. Rolph was urged in 1851, and consented, to re-enter the Parliament of the then united Provinces of Canada, East and West, as they were called. He was elected member for Norfolk, his old constituency, and appointed Commissioner of Crown Lands in the Hincks Government. He continued in this position till 1854. This new state of things necessitated his giving up his medical school teaching for a short time, which was carried on as well as possible by his colleagues in his absence. They felt the loss of his teaching very keenly, and he himself was by no means sorry to resume in full what was his most congenial work, as he did not now desire to continue long in his Government and Parliamentary positions. The school after his return soon outgrew all the increased accommodation provided for it, and entered on a new phase of its existence. An unused church building on what is now Bismarck Ave., St. Paul's Ward (then Yorkville), was bought and converted into a very fine medical college, in which was provided everything likely to be required for a good many years. By arrangement with Victoria University, it had become its Medical Department, with Dr. Rolph as Dean.

Some difference in connection with the school arose between Dr. Rolph, who was the Dean of the Faculty, and his colleagues, soon after these last changes had taken place. Most of his colleagues had been educated in medicine chiefly, and some solely, by himself. The Victoria College Board supported Dr. Rolph on its being appealed to in the matter. On this account his colleagues resigned in a body just the day after the opening of the session of 1856-7. The University authorities promptly accepted the resignations which had been sent in, and directed the Dean, as the responsible head of the department, to fill the places of the gentlemen who had retired, as well and as speedily as he could. Although placed in an exceedingly difficult position, the Dean proved himself quite equal to the occasion. During the little more than two weeks it took him to complete new arrangements for carrying on the work of the session, Dr. Rolph alone kept everything going on in the college. He lectured during this period four or five times every day on the various subjects, to the entire satisfaction of the students, who, with hardly an exception, stood by their able teacher and Dean.

The high character of the Dean's teaching during this time made it even more difficult than it would otherwise have proved for the new professors whom he called to his aid, and appointed to fill the vacancies. At this time the writer was appointed Professor of *Materia Medica and Therapeutics*, to which chair the duties of another were very soon added, viz., those of *Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children*; a large burden with which to begin, with no special preparation, the responsible duties of