



TRINITY COLLEGE IN EARLY DAYS.

W. Allan, at present Speaker of the Senate, was appointed Chancellor, a position which he has held ever since with much grace and dignity, and with every advantage to the college. Besides the professors already mentioned in connection with the earlier history of the college the name of the Rev. Edwin Hatch, M.A., who was Professor of Classics from 1850 to 1862, and afterwards became Principal of St. Mary's Hall in the University of Oxford, and was once appointed Bampton Lecturer, must not be forgotten. His recent death has been largely noticed in the Church papers. His successor in the Classical Chair was the Rev. John Ambery, M.A., who also has since gone to his rest. He was an Oxford man, of Brasenose College, and was for some time Inspector of Grammar Schools in Ontario. Other Professors and Lecturers will be mentioned later on.

For old Trinity men the great centre of all things in the College was Provost Whitaker, irreverently termed by the students "Old Prov." Regularly every morning he was to be seen coming from his house in rear of the College, carrying his shining black bag, and moving on with heavy tread, often with an umbrella hugged affectionately by his left arm against his breast. Those who knew the Provost well could see how kindly was his heart and how gentle was his spirit, but as a rule there was a reserve and shyness about his manner which usually caused the students to stand

at some distance from him with feelings somewhat approaching awe. He lectured in the room down stairs in the south-east part of the college, a room which was then called the library, for all the books were there; and there in the centre of crowded book cases, so close together that the room was darkened by them, in solemn dignity sat the Provost, ready for his work as each year filed noiselessly into his presence at lecture time. Though the Provost was most lenient to those who seemed to take even but a small degree of interest in his lectures, he expressed his mind sometimes in unmeasured terms to those who persistently came to them unprepared. At such times he was always quiet in what he said, but his strictures were none the less scathing and severe, and sometimes for as much as five minutes at a time he would pour forth with surprising rapidity and in tones that were remarkable for their steadiness words that were by no means comfortable for the object of them to listen to. But this never occurred except in extreme and repeated cases of listlessness and inattention. His lectures were always interesting, and the way in which he would sometimes spring suddenly from his chair and strike a bee line (as nearly as the intricacies of the old book cases would allow him) for some book from which he wished to quote,—his hand stretched out ready to clutch it and knowing as if by an instinct belonging to itself the exact place among the multitudes of volumes to light on it, was a sight to be-