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THE design of establishing a public school in connection with the Church of England in Nova Scotia, appears to have been entertained by the Government authorities as early as the year 1768, but for various reasons the scheme was not carried out for twenty years afterwards. Things moved tardily in those days, and our ancestors evidently thought that nothing was lost by being allowed to lie dormant as "a thing in contemplation." An impetus was given to it in 1787 by the arrival in Halifax of the first Bishop of Nova Scotia, Dr. Charles Inglis, who succeeded in establishing at Windsor a Collegiate School or Academy for boys. It was opened for the instruction of youth on the 1st of November, 1788, and when the University of King's College was built this school proved to be a useful feeder to it in the way of providing students. It was held at first in "Mr. Franklin's house at Windsor," which was rented for the purpose. The bishop wrote to the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Moore) requesting his Grace to select and send out a clergyman properly qualified to take charge of the institution. The Archbishop was unable to find such a person, but Mr. Archibald Payne Inglis, a nephew of the bishop's, who had been educated at Trinity, Dublin, came out to take charge of it for a year.

In May, 1790, Mr. William Cochran, Head Master of the Halifax Grammar School, was appointed to assume charge of the Collegiate as well as the college, which was then only in a state of embryo. Mr. Cochran had Mr. J. Van Norden as assistant, and afterwards Mr. Millidge.

In 1799 we find the academy (or collegiate

school) completely severed from the college, and Mr. John Henry Jennings, from England, appointed head master. He was succeeded in 1802 by Mr. Benjamin Gerrish Gray, afterwards the Rev. Dr. Gray, Rector of St. George's, Halifax, and lastly rector of St. John, N. B. Mr. Gray took charge of both the Latin and the English classes. In his time boarders were admitted to the school, and the attendance was limited to 28 scholars. Two streets in the town of Windsor seem to have been named after this gentleman, for there is a Gerrish street and a Gray street there. One of the first pupils in the school was John Inglis, afterwards third Bishop of Nova Scotia. In 1802 the position of Head Master was offered to Dr. Cochran, it having been determined to procure, if possible, an Oxford graduate for the Principalship of King's College. Dr. Cochran, however, declined the position, on which Rev. Wm. Twining was appointed to it. Mr. Cyrus Perkins was his assistant. At subsequent dates Mr. Ironsides, Mr. J. Farquharson and Mr. Cassells were assistants in the academy. In January, 1808, the Rev. William Colsell King was appointed Head Master, his salary being £200 per annum besides fees. Mr. Binney, from the college, assisted him. In 1814 we find John Thomas Twining, son of the former Head Master, assisting in the work. He was afterwards Curate of St. Paul's at Halifax, Chaplain of the Garrison and Master of the Grammar School there. Rev. C. Milner was appointed Head Master in 1818 and was succeeded by Rev. Francis Salt in 1821.

A sum of £3,000 from a fund known as the Arms, derived from the capture of Castine from the Americans in the war of 1812, was devoted by the Governor of the Province to the erection of a building for the academy. The result was a