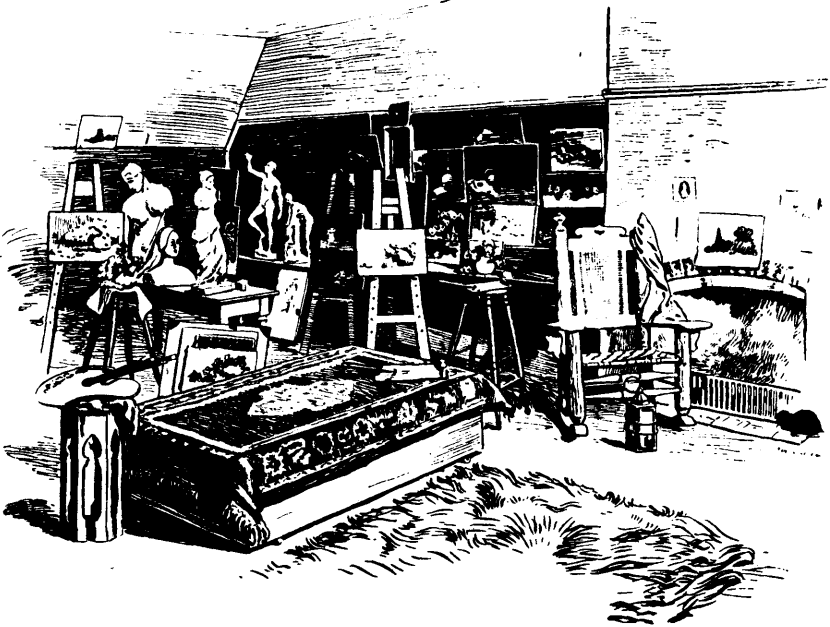


who attended its classes a thorough education under Christian influences, that should prepare them for their life work, whatever that might be, and also to fit those looking forward to the ministry for their high calling, not by giving them a mere veneer of theology, but by first cultivating their minds, and developing their powers, so that they might be able to grasp the weapon of truth in the firmest manner, and wield it most potently. Having become affiliated with the Provincial University, Woodstock College at

liberality of the Hon. William McMaster, who purchased the site on the Queen's Park and erected the building known as McMaster Hall, a promising beginning for the University buildings which must at no distant day cluster about it.

In 1887, a Bill was passed by the Ontario Legislature, by which Woodstock college became an academic department of McMaster University, for boys and young men, and Toronto Baptist college became the theological department of the University. In



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one period of its history carried students as far as the close of the second year in Arts. Its successful teaching has witnesses in its former students, many of them University graduates, who are to-day filling various positions of usefulness and influence in all parts of the continent.

A marked stage in the progress towards an independent University was the removal of the theological department of Woodstock college to Toronto. This was brought about through the

September of the same year, through the death of Mr. McMaster, the University corporation came into possession of nearly a million dollars, endowment, for the purposes of the higher education under distinctively Christian influences. In the following year, at an educational convention held at Guelph, it was determined that McMaster University be organized and developed as a permanently independent institution, that the arts department be established in the city of