



YORK (TORONTO) IN PIONEER DAYS.

Defeat for a man like Bishop Strachan meant but a renewal of strength. Though past the three score years and ten he crossed the Atlantic,—a journey fraught with much more loss of time than at the present day, and moved the people of England to contribute afresh to the establishment of a new university of whose distinctive Church principles and powers there could be no doubt. Among those who contributed to this cause is found the name of W. E. Gladstone. The efforts of the aged bishop were crowned with success, and Trinity College was founded. It must not be forgotten, however, that all the money for this work did not come from England. The Church people of the Province itself responded nobly to the appeal of their bishop, and contributed among themselves \$100,000. And friends of the Church in the United States, through the zeal of Rev. Dr. (now Archdeacon) McMurray, who appealed to them in the good cause, also lent maternal aid, the result of all being that the sturdy veteran, whom the three score years and ten and more did not prevent from active work, had the satisfaction of seeing a handsome edifice erected, a building imposing for its day, well equipped and endowed, the undoubted property of the Church which he loved, properly deeded and so placed that no secular arm could touch it. He lived to see it well under weigh, to preach sometimes in its modest little chapel (the room which is now the library), and to take part in some of its early convocations.

It was founded as closely as possible upon the plan of the English Universities. The foundation stone was laid on April 30th, 1851, and the college was at once incorporated by Act of the Legislature of Upper Canada, and on July 15th, 1852, her Majesty was pleased to grant it a Royal Charter, constituting it a university endowed with

all such powers of conferring degrees "as are enjoyed by the universities of the United Kingdom." Meanwhile college work had already commenced in January, 1852,—the Rev. George Whitaker, M.A., sometime fellow of Queen's College, Cambridge, being Provost and Professor of Divinity, the Rev. E. St. John Parry, M.A., who had taken first-class classical honors in Oxford, and the Rev. Geo. Clerk Irving, M.A., (8th in the Cambridge Mathematical Tripos), filling the chairs in Classics and Mathematics respectively. The University had also flourishing faculties in Law and Medicine from the outset. Of the former the late Hon. J. H. Cameron was Dean, while the late Dr. Hodder, whose professional skill and high reputation are still gratefully remembered in Toronto, presided over the Faculty of Medicine. Among the other professors in that Faculty may be mentioned Dr. Melville, Dr. Bovell and Henry Youle Hind, Esq. The latter gentleman was Professor of Chemistry, and is well known as having contributed largely by his "Narrative of the Canadian Red River, Assiniboine and Saskatchewan Exploring Expedition," published in 1860, to the subsequent development of those vast territories. He is now a resident of Windsor, Nova Scotia, and one of the Governors of King's College of that place.

The Calendar of 1853 contains the names of thirty-six students in the various Faculties, with which it is interesting to compare its present Calendar, and the long list of graduates and undergraduates recorded there.

The first Chancellor of the University was the late Sir John Beverly Robinson, Bart., who was Chief Justice of Upper Canada, and who for the first ten years of the existence of the college spent much time and energy upon its advancement. He was succeeded by the late Hon. John Hilyard Cameron, on whose death in 1877 the Hon. G.