

receiving such an education as a rural district at that time afforded. In 1839 he went to Lewiston Academy, in New York, where he spent a year, and he afterwards spent other two in the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary. Meanwhile Victoria College had been established at Cobourg, under the presidency of the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, and Dr. Nelles became one of its two first matriculated students, spending two years in an Arts course. After attendance for some time at the University of Middletown, Connecticut, he graduated there in 1846. The next year was spent in charge of the Newburgh Academy, in the County of Lennox, and in June, 1847, he entered the ministry of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, his first charge being Port Hope, where he spent a year. Two years in Toronto and three months in London completed the period of his ministerial labours, and in September, 1850, he was called by the Conference to take charge of Victoria College, the collegiate institution of his Church.

The institution now known as Victoria University really dates back as far as 1836, in which year it was formally opened as an academy. The agitation which led to its establishment was begun in 1828, but some years were spent in raising the necessary funds with which to undertake the work. The amount collected up to 1832, when the buildings were commenced, was less than \$30,000, and Cobourg was selected as its site on account of the liberality of its offer of assistance combined with its intrinsic advantages. It received, in 1836, a Royal Charter of incorporation, and in 1842 it obtained from the Canadian Parliament an Act authorizing it to assume and exercise university powers. The College began its work with a Faculty of Arts only, the teaching staff embracing five members. A Faculty of Medicine was added in 1854, one of Law in 1862, and one of Theology in 1872. At present there is a large resident staff in Arts and Theology, the instruction in Medicine and Law being given in affiliated institutions. Dr. Nelles has from the commencement of his connection with the College been Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy, Logic, and Apologetics; and since the institution of the Faculty of Theology he has added to these subjects Homiletics. When he took charge in 1850, there were but two undergraduates in Arts, and no other Faculty in existence. Only five or six graduates had gone out from the University. And the whole number of students during that