

years. Being designed for the profession of law, it was intended that he should be articled to a solicitor; but Mr. Barnes had formed so high an estimate of the abilities of his pupil, that he urged his being sent to the University. He was accordingly induced to alter his projects for future life, and to prepare for an entirely different career. With this view, he became a pupil, in the early part of 1811, of the Rev. James Tate, a distinguished scholar, head-master of the Grammar School of Richmond, in Yorkshire, and subsequently Canon of St. Paul's, and well known in the literary world. Dr. Musgrave, late Archbishop of York, and Dr. Peacock, late Dean of Ely, and many other eminent scholars, were trained at Richmond School. Here Mr. Wood acquired that elegant classical taste and accurate scholarship, which distinguished him through life; and even to his old age he would refer to his school-boy days with delight almost amounting to glee. The writer of this sketch well remembers an instance of this so lately as July, 1866, when a letter from his son, containing an account of a visit to Richmond, revived his early recollections. He always cherished a grateful sense of what he owed to Dr. Tate's instructions, and a friendly intercourse was maintained between them as long as the preceptor lived. In one of his letters, in which Dr. Tate addresses him as his "dear old pupil and still good friend," he says: "You, beyond doubt, are one of the heartiest and honestest of Richmonadians that ever trod the banks of the Swale."

In 1813 Mr. Wood entered Trinity College, Cambridge, but in the following year removed to Corpus Christi College, where he remained till he took his degree in 1818, with the exception of a few months in 1817, which he spent in Scotland, for the purpose of reading with his brother-in-law, the Rev. C. H. Terrot, now Bishop of Edinburgh, and till lately, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church. Upon taking his degree, he obtained a title to the curacy of Norham, near Berwick, and on September 20th, 1818, was ordained deacon by Bishop Barrington, of Durham. He served that curacy for nearly a year, when, having entered into correspondence with the first Bishop of Quebec, who was then in England, he was led to apply to the S. P. G. for an appointment in Canada. He was accordingly appointed to Drummondville, on the river St. Francis, in the district of Three Rivers, a military settlement which had been formed at the close of the American war in 1814. Attention had been called to the wants of the place by Dr. Mountain, Official of Lower Canada, who had visited it in 1818, and again early in 1819. Mr. Wood left England in September, 1819, and having been admitted to Priests' orders in the Cathedral of Quebec on 7th November following, he took up his residence at Drummondville in the same month.