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THE Anglican Church has been long and honourably connected with the cause of higher education in the Province of Ontario. Her first bishop in Upper Canada, the Hon. and Right Rev. John Strachan, D.D., came out from Scotland in the closing years of the last century to undertake educational work in Kingston, and during the whole of his eventful life the Bishop remained the firm and courageous supporter of higher educational institutions. The Grammar School at Cornwall, which Dr. Strachan himself conducted from 1803 to 1812, will always retain an honoured place in the history of Canadian education. There nearly all the Fathers of Upper Canada received their scholastic training, and its pupils rarely lost their grateful sense of the practical value of the training they had there received. A massive silver epergne, now in the possession of Trinity, bears the names of many who had become famous in the history of the Province, and who desired in 1833 to give to Dr. Strachan this evidence of their regard. Upon Dr. Strachan's

removal from this pioneer educational work to the Rectory of Toronto (then York), he laboured almost incessantly for the establishment of a university in Upper Canada. A munificent Crown grant of lands had been obtained for this purpose in 1798, and a large and valuable collection of books, now in the library of Trinity University, bears the legend, "Presented to the University of Upper Canada, 1827." It was not, however, till 1843 that the great difficulties incident to such an undertaking in the early years of the Province were finally overcome, and the University of King's College, Toronto, was opened with a full staff of professors on June 8th, 1843. Into the various causes, constitutional and ecclesiastical, which led to the secularization of King's University, and the severance of the connection hitherto existing between the Anglican Church and the educational work of the Province, it is beside the scope of the present article to enter. Now that the smoke and din of that great struggle has almost entirely passed away, it may be expected that the