

INTRODUCTION.

By the Royal Charter granted in 1802, all the privileges of a University were conferred on King's College, which thus became the first University of British origin established in the Dominion.

A Provincial Act incorporating the Governors of King's College received the Royal sanction in 1853. It provides that the Royal Charter of Incorporation shall not be affected by it further than is necessary to give effect to its own enactments.

The Patron of the University is the Archbishop of Canterbury, to whose approbation "all Statutes, Rules and Ordinances" of the Board of Governors are subject, but King's College is open to Students of all denominations, and imposes no religious test either on entrance or on graduation in any Faculty, with the exception of Divinity.

In 1871 a Curriculum was issued for a course of Civil Engineering, and the University has subsequently granted Degrees and Diplomas in that science, as well as in Arts, Law and Divinity.

During the past Academical Year many improvements have been made in the Meteorological Observatory. The Philosophical Apparatus, for purposes of general instruction, has also been improved, and largely increased, so that the College now possesses all that may be required for illustration in the most advanced course of Physical Science.

A system of Local Examinations has been instituted for those who are not members of the University.

Candidates for Matriculation may now be examined at distant centres, under special regulations, which will be found in the calendar.