

Library

729.86, and the Library Endowment on the same date was \$20,070.30. Rev. Wm. Burns, Secretary of the Board, rendered valuable service in securing contributions to the Endowment Funds, in which work he was ably assisted by the professors and others.

VII. ITS
HOMES

Knox College was born and cradled in a very humble home, and its early youth was sheltered in very commonplace surroundings. The first session was held in the residence of Rev. Henry Esson on James Street, Toronto. The second, in a house on Adelaide Street, and from 1848 to 1853, in a building on Front Street, on which is at present the site of the Queen's Hotel. In 1854, by resolution, "The Synod was of the opinion than an effort should immediately be made for building a College, and a Committee was appointed to collect subscriptions, to choose and purchase a site when the proper time shall have arrived." It also empowered the College Committee "to retake for two years the two houses at present occupied in Front Street, at the rent of £85 per annum for each, as a considerable time must elapse before the contemplated college can be raised."

Elmsley Villa

Instead of building a new College, Elmsley Villa, on Grosvenor Street, where Grosvenor Street (formerly Central) Church now stands, which had been the residence of Lord Elgin in Toronto, while he was Governor General, being on the market, was purchased on the recommendation of Mr. A. M. Smith. This building, with the wing added for Students' residence, cost the Church about \$28,000. Aid was received from the Free Church of Scotland, to the extent of \$960, and from the Irish Presbyterian Church, of \$1,440. This remained the home of the College till 1875, when the new College building on the circle on Spadina Avenue was opened. The site on Spadina Avenue cost \$10,000. The corner stone of the new building was laid April 3rd, 1874, and in October, 1875, it was opened. The late Dr. Warden, Principal Caven, and other ardent friends of the College, gave time and effort to collect the \$120,000 required for the erection of this building.

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