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### CHAPTER I.

Parentage.—Early Life in Scotland.

WE have, in various existing documents, brief sketches of the early life of the late BISHOP of TORONTO. He was born at Aberdeen, in Scotland, on the 12th of April, 1778; his parents' names were John Strachan and Elizabeth Findlayson. Of his father little is recorded, save that he earned a modest stipend as overseer of the granite quarries in the neighbourhood of Aberdeen; which, as long as he lived, sufficed to maintain his family in respectability and comfort. His death was sudden and very sad. A blast of the quarry had one day been prepared; and as the time for ignition seemed overpast, the overseer went forward to see what was the matter. The blast took place; a splinter of rock lodged in one of his eyes, and he died two days after, in May, 1794, at the age of 52. He was much respected as an honest and trustworthy man, and his death excited universal pity; so that, at his funeral, there was such a concourse of volunteer mourners that the procession exceeded a quarter of a mile in length. In the midst of Presbyterians, he was attached to the non-jurors; and, in principle and practice, might be regarded as an Episcopalian.