

it is to this that Upper Canada, and the Church of England in Upper Canada, are indebted, the one for one of her most eminent politicians, the other for her most zealous Champion and Prelate. On the last day of the last century, after a voyage of four months, Mr. Strachan arrived at Kingston, at that time the seat of the Colonial Government. He found on his arrival, after he had severed himself from home and from preferment at home, by the broad Atlantic—which in those days was several thousand miles broader than it is now—for the purpose of organizing the projected university, that the project had collapsed, and Governor Simcoe had returned to England. These circumstances were sufficiently trying; and a little want of cheerfulness may fairly be excused. The buoyancy of the Bishop was worthy of the occasion, and with his characteristic energy he readily adopted a proposal of Mr. Cartwright to become tutor to his sons. This was the beginning of a step which altered the whole complexion of his life. The Church of England minister of Kingston, the Rev. John Stuart, was a man of marked strength of character. That he was so is sufficiently attested by the strength of the influence which he exerted upon one whose most characteristic feature was the power of swaying others, and of retaining his own individuality intact. The Bishop has, however, stated that before this, he had gone to some length in weighing the relative grounds for Presbyterianism and Episcopacy, and that the balance of his mind was inclined towards the Threefold Order. Be the promoting cause what it may, the advice of Mr. Stuart that he should devote a portion of his time to the study of theology, ended in his entrance into the Church of England. In 1803, he was ordained by Dr. Mountain, first Protestant Bishop of Quebec, whose diocese, in fact, included the whole of Canada. He was appointed to the mission at Cornwall, and if his work had ended there, it would still have been of incalculable influence upon our country. For from the school which he there established, went forth, as from a radiating centre, men who seemed to have caught up from their tutor all high qualities of mind and heart, and who bore a high part in shaping the life of their country. The Stuarts, the Robinsons, Sir James Macaulay, and Chief Justice MacLean were prepared for their future work by the future Bishop. While he was minister at Cornwall, the father of his successor in the Bishopric was Presbyterian minister in the same district. The kindest relations existed between Mr. Strachan and Dr. Bethune, and I have reason to believe, though not positively, that the Bishop's successor was the Bishop's pupil. His elder brothers, I know, were educated at Cornwall. I have heard from an uncle of mine—not the least distinguished of the Bishop's pupils—many anecdotes of his life at Cornwall, and were it not for swel-