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A SKETCH OF THE HISTORY OF THE MEDICAL COLLEGE AT KINGSTON DURING THE FIRST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF ITS EXISTENCE.*

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Washington Irving begins his Knickerbocker History of New York with the creation of the world. We shall, however, not attempt such a flight of the imagination but shall confine ourselves to a very much later period of time. But the history of the Medical College is so intimately bound up with that of Queen's College—the beginning of both being due to the same order of circumstances, and being participated in largely by the same prominent men—that we should enter at some length into the early history of Queen's. And as the latter ranks amongst the earliest colleges to be established in Canada, it will be necessary, in order to understand the circumstances which gave rise to Queen's as well as to the Medical College, to know something of the educational condition of this country at the time when, and immediately before, these Institutions came into existence.

Queen's College first opened her doors in the year 1842 in a small frame house on Colborne street in the city of Kingston. The author of this sketch was then but six years old, and his only justification for this endeavor is that he has belonged to the Institution, as student and graduate and teacher, and that, as far as he is aware, he has been, for the past half century and over, more intimately connected with it than any other person now living. The Medical faculty, with which the author was also closely connected for 14 years, was established in the year 1854.

Seventy-four years is but a short period in the history of any old and established country but it is a period which may be fraught with very momentous changes in a new and progressive one. And the past seventy-four years have probably,

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