

found able and willing, to promote its interests and uphold its stability, with the counsel which knowledge and experience render so valuable.

As a necessary and important preface to our narrative, the following biographical sketch of the Lord Bishop, offers much to interest the general reader, and will possess, we hope, a peculiar value for those who have reaped the benefit of his former care and instruction, and who continue to enjoy the advantage of his affectionate friendship and spiritual direction.

The time has not yet arrived, and long may it be postponed, when it would be proper to enter into a full detail of the important part which he has played in the government and progressive prosperity of this Colony, or in the extension and promotion of the welfare of the Church—such a task would involve a compendious history of both. We shall therefore content ourselves with tracing his labours in the cause of education, in which, since his advent to the province, he has been most actively and successfully engaged.

John Strachan was born at Aberdeen, on the 12th of April, 1778. He was educated at the Grammar School of that city, which is justly celebrated for the many able scholars and otherwise distinguished men which it has produced. In early life he displayed that indomitable perseverance and application which have always formed the prominent features of his character, and which have enabled him to encounter and overcome obstacles that would have daunted many less happily endowed by nature.