

pher and Divine." Great, moreover, must have been the confidence in his ability, judgment and attainments, when at the very early age of 21, he was selected as a fit and proper person to organize and preside over the College, or University, which the then Governor, the excellent Simcoe, desired to establish in Upper Canada.

In pursuance of this object, Mr. Strachan left his native country, and after a long and toilsome voyage and journey of upwards of 4 months, he reached Kingston on the very last day of the last century. Here he encountered a bitter and most grievous disappointment. The object for which he had left Scotland was abandoned. Governor Simcoe had returned to England, and with his departure, the projected College was relinquished, at all events for the present. It were difficult to imagine a more depressing position. He had left prospects of advancement in his native country, and had come to Canada, with bright anticipations of usefulness and remunerative employment, in an honourable position. He found himself a stranger in a strange land, and without resources in an infant colony, where the population was at that time too sparse, and generally too poor, to afford any immediate prospect of sustaining a University such as he had hoped to preside over. No wonder that, for the moment, he was depressed and discouraged. In after years he stated, that had he possessed the means, he would at once have returned to Scotland, but it was wisely and happily ordered otherwise, for

"There's a divinity that shapes our ends.
Rough hew them as we will."

His was a spirit too cheerful and hopeful to be long cast down, or to succumb to disappointments, which might have overwhelmed a less courageous heart. He was so fortunate at this critical period as to form the acquaintance of the Hon. Richard Cartwright and the Rev. Dr. John Stuart,