

a liberal education were to be found, and which, throughout that period, and to this moment, have conferred upon the country advantages beyond our power to estimate.^(d)

In 1807 the University of St. Andrews conferred upon Mr. Strachan the degree of LL.D., as a mark of its appreciation of the merits of its former Alumnus. In the same year the degree of D.D. was also given to him by his Alma Mater Aberdeen.

In 1812, Dr. Strachan was appointed Rector of Toronto, then called York, the metropolis of the Province. He travelled with his family in a small schooner; while on the passage between Brockville and Kingston, war was declared against Great Britain by the United States, and they narrowly escaped the danger of capture before reaching the place of his destination, the future scene of his labours.

During the war, his various and active exertions to ameliorate its evils among the people were justly appreciated. He joined the late Chief Justice Powell and many others in establishing and carrying on a most charitable association, called the Loyal and Patriotic Society, which contributed greatly to the defence of the Province and contentment of the inhabitants, under the sacrifices and privations incident to a war of invasion. Soon after the cessation of hostilities, he was made by Royal Warrant an Executive Councillor; and in 1818 was advanced to a seat in the Legislative Council. In both these positions the wisdom of the course pursued by him, his unswerving

^d. Address of the Honourable Chief Justice Robinson at the opening of King's College.