



ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

THE Rev. Benjn. Cronyn, M. A. came to London in the year 1832, a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, he was sent out under the auspices of the Society for the propogation of the Gospel, and was appointed to the charge of London Township, and resided where the site of the Ladies' Hellmuth College now is. At that time London was only a small village and was called "The Forks," being the junction of the north and south branches of the river Thames. The Rev Mr. Cronyn saw that London was likely to become a considerable town and removed there, having obtained from the English Government a large allotment of land as an endowment for a church and a few acres in the town as a site for the church. He erected the first St. Pauls in 1838, it was a wooden building, and was destroyed by fire on Ash Wednesday the year after.

In 1842 the present church was erected on the same site. When the Diocese was set apart from that of Toronto, the rector was then