

vince of Virginia, in 1736, according to Hawkins; Sabine says 1740, and was ordained in England, returning in 1770 to Philadelphia, from which place he was sent to the Mohawk Valley as an Indian Missionary.**

"In the following October (1781) he was, however, in Canada, and opened an academy in Montreal for youth, in conjunction with Mr. Christie." (*Ibid.*)

"The warrants show that the Government allowance to him was £50 sterling a year, continued until he left to become chaplain at Catarauqui." (Page xxii.)

"The great desire of Mr. Stuart appears to have been to settle at Catarauqui, and in February, 1784, he wrote twice to Major Mathews, pressing his request. In April, he had engaged a substitute to take charge of his school during the time he proposed to be absent. In July he reported that he had visited Catarauqui, where he obtained a lot within a mile of the barracks, and had spent some time among the Indians. The Society had left to himself the choice of the place of his future residence, but had reduced the salary he had received as missionary to the Mohawks from £70 to £50 for the new station, and he asked if he was to obtain the office of Chaplain at Catarauqui. In 1786, says Sabine, he opened a school at Kingston, which agrees with the indications afforded by the warrants, the last of which, for his salary as schoolmaster in Montreal, is for the six months from the first of November, 1785, to the 30th April, 1786, for £25, equal to £50 a year; the first for his salary "as Minister of the Church of England at Catarauqui" for the six months beginning on the first of May, 1786, and ending on the 31st of October, for £50, being double the salary as schoolmaster. It is unnecessary to follow Mr. Stuart further, as he ceased from this time to have any connection with the work of education in Montreal." (*Ibid.*, p. xxii.)

Dr. J. G. Hodgins, in his valuable history of "Schools and Colleges of Ontario, 1792-1910." (Chap. I, par. 2, page 1, Part I) gives the date of the first school established in Upper Canada as 1785, which refers to the "Select Classical School." But the date of the same event seems to be more correctly given as 1786 in Dr. Hodgins' "Documentary History of Education," Vol. I, p. 30. The Rev. Mr. Stuart's lament in a letter to an old friend in the United States in 1785 is, "The greatest inconvenience I feel here, is there being no school for our boys." (Canniff's "History," p. 330.)

THE LIST OF PIONEER SCHOOLS.

1786.

KINGSTON (Catarauqui). Enough has been set forth to establish the fact that the first school in Upper Canada was taught at Kingston by the Reverend John Stuart, who commenced his work immediately following the first coming of the U. E. Loyalists. A Mr. Donovan taught the Garrison school there at the same time. Ryerson Memorial Volume, by J. G. Hodgins,

*Henry J. Morgan, in his "Sketches of Celebrated Canadians", states that the Rev. John Stuart was born on the 24th Feb., 1740, at Harrisburg, in the State of Pennsylvania. La Rochefoucault (see Ont. Archives Report, 1916, p. 74), also gave Harrisburg as Mr. Stuart's native place.