

would far exceed what could be expected from the sale of the whole reservation. The measure was necessarily postponed, and the gratuitous gifts of land by the Government, still continuing to be made, nothing has been yet done, for no person, who is able and industrious, can fail of making a good subsistence on his grant, and therefore, is unwilling to lease or purchase. But now, matters begin to assume a different appearance; for the general prosperity of the Colony has much increased, and the reservations having been made long ago, the growing Settlements are getting in their rear; consequently, they begin from the convenience of their situation, to become desirable. We have, therefore, every reason to believe, that with a little attention, they may be made productive, and be able in a short time, to support such a respectable Seminary as the Province seems to require.

In 1799, the Hon. Richard Cartwright, and the Hon. Robert Hamilton, having large families of young children, and having been promised by General Simcoe, that on procuring a person well qualified to teach in Kingston, a salary should be allowed for that purpose, sent to Scotland for a gentleman of that description. Doctor Hamilton, the Minister of Gladsmuir, near Haddington, was intrusted with this business, who applied to his friend Doctor Trotter, of St. Andrews, to procure him such a person as he wanted, mentioning the great encouragement likely to be given, and the extensive field which a new country like Upper-Canada, opened to enterprizing young men. There is reason to believe, that the situation was first offered by Doctor Trotter to Doctor Chalmers, now so justly celebrated, such was the conception then had of its importance, and on his declining, it was offered to his friend Mr. Strachan, then a student at St. Andrews. On this latter gentleman's arrival at Kingston, he discovered that no salary from Government was to be looked for.

This grievous disappointment would have induced him to return to his native land, as he had come out expressly for the purpose of superintending an Academy, under the special patronage of Government, and not a private School; but the kindness and liberality of Mr. Cartwright prevented him from taking this step, and he remained in that gentleman's family nearly four years.

In 1803, Mr. Strachan received Holy Orders, and removed to Cornwall; to which place he likewise transferred his