

A SKETCH OF  
The Protestant Episcopal Divinity School  
WYCLIFFE COLLEGE, TORONTO

*ITS FOUNDATION.*

THE name of this institution was carefully chosen by its Founders to express the causes which brought it into existence, the principles on which it was based, and the work which it was intended to carry on.

The Founders were men who believed with Archbishop Whately, that "It makes all the difference in the world where we put truth—in the first place, or in the second place." They resolved that, in everything connected with Wycliffe College, truth should be put "In the first place," and there it has, as it should have, remained. They determined that it was their duty to do their part to preserve it in the Protestant Church of England, and from this determination they have never swerved. Their intention was to form a College, the teaching of which should be in harmony with the principles laid down by the Reformers, holding, as they did most strongly, the Scriptural or Protestant Evangelical view of the Church of England.

These men publicly re-stated the great first century fundamental truths of the Christian religion, and in their teaching brought the Church of the nineteenth into harmony with the teaching of the Reformers, and of the first century.

The Church of England in Canada is thus in the twentieth century linked by these great truths with the Church of the first century, and is truly Apostolic and Catholic.

They loved the Protestantism of the Church of England—the basis of the religious and civil liberty which are today the glory of Great Britain—and desired and sincerely sought to do their part in preserving these blessings to our country.

THE EARLY COLLEGE CONTROVERSIES.  
KING'S COLLEGE OR THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO?

As a starting point it is necessary to glance at the questions which had arisen on the subject of University education, and which had from the early part of the last century divided Christians of the various Churches in Canada into two bitterly hostile camps. The King's College Charter of 1827, after much debating, at length issued, in which provision was made for the teaching of Anglican Theology only. This was eminently unsatisfactory to, and strongly resented by the other Churches. Efforts were made by Presbyterians to gain peace and