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The Semi-Centennial Year.

The steps which ultimately resulted in the foundation of Victoria University were taken at the Conference of the Methodist Church, held in Kingston, August 17th to 24th, 1830. The institution thus founded was first named Upper Canada Academy. The corner-stone of the building was laid June 7th, 1832. The Academy was opened for the reception of pupils, and the principal, Rev. M. Richey, M.A., inaugurated June 18th, 1836. The Royal Charter of incorporation is dated October 7th, 1836. In 1841, application was made to the Legislature of Canada for an extension of the charter, raising the Academy to the rank of a College, with power to confer degrees. The extended charter received the royal assent August 27th, 1841. On the 21st of October, 1841, the first session of the Institution in its new character was opened by the first president, the Rev. Egerton Ryerson. Although the Institution had been in successful operation, founded and chartered as an Academy, since 1836, the birth of our University properly dates from the extension of the charter in 1841, and Victoria University will thus enter upon the fiftieth year of its university life and work on the 27th day of August next. Arrangements will, doubtless, be made by the proper authorities for a suitable recognition of this era in our history.