

rated them. Mr. Strachan was left the guardian of Mr. Cartwright's children; no greater proof of confidence could have been displayed by any one.

At Kingston, other friendships were formed among men of merit and ability, more especially with the Rev. Dr. Stuart, the clergyman of the parish and Commissary or Archdeacon of Upper Canada, whose sound judgment, sagacity, and other high mental qualities were rendered the more useful and attractive, by his courteous and kind demeanour, and a playful wit and humour that seemed inexhaustible. From this gentleman Mr. Strachan received the most affectionate and parental regard, from the day of their first interview; and this familiar and beneficial intercourse continued ever after without interruption.

At the termination of his engagement with Mr. Cartwright, Mr. Strachan was prepared under Dr. Stuart's advice and instruction to enter the Church. Accordingly, in May, 1803, he was ordained Deacon, by the Right Rev. Dr. Mountain, the first Bishop of Quebec, and appointed to the mission of Cornwall.

On taking possession of his mission, he found the congregation very small, and chiefly confined to the village or immediate neighbourhood. Hence his clerical duties were not burthensome, and left him much leisure time. He was therefore induced to listen to the solicitations of the parents of such of his pupils as had not finished their studies at Kingston, to continue to instruct them at Cornwall, and also to the urgent intreaties of many from both provinces to admit their sons to the same privilege, because there was