

THE BISHOP STRACHAN CHAIR.

Made from Threshold of the Bishop's
"Palace," Front Street, Toronto.

Right Rev. John Strachan, D.D., was in 1839 consecrated first Bishop of Toronto, a diocese comprising the whole of Upper Canada. He was rector of St. James' Church, York, 1812-24, and in 1852 founded Trinity University, Toronto. From 1818-67 he lived on Palace (Front) street in the third brick house erected in York (Toronto). His residence was known as the Bishop's Palace, and from a piece of Canadian oak of the step or threshold of this veteran Bishop's home, Mr. J. Ross Robertson had two chairs made, on the top rail of which is an excellent carving of Bishop Strachan's face. One of the chairs was presented to Trinity University on 7th Sept., 1904. Before formal presentation, however, it was used at the University of Toronto when the Archbishop of Canterbury, at a special convocation, occupied the chair, and received his degree of LL.D. from that institution. In June, 1909, the second chair was presented to the University of Toronto for use in Convocation Hall.