



ENTRANCE TO ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE.



MR. WILLIAM CHARLES WENTWORTH,  
To whose efforts the establishment of the  
University was mainly due.



MISS LOUISA MACDONALD: PRINCIPAL OF THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE.

THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY.

By S.F.N.

The origin of the Sydney University may be traced to the year 1825, when steps were taken for "the erection and endowment of a grammar school in the town of Sydney." Passing on thence through various phases, in the course of which it became "the Sydney College," it was in due course domiciled in the buildings which have since become the Sydney Grammar School. These buildings were opened in 1835, with 60 pupils, the school continuing to be known as the Sydney College. Enduring various vicissitudes, the young enterprise struggled on until in 1849 a petition was presented to the Legislative Council from the proprietors of the college, praying for the adoption of measures to convert the institution into a university, and stating their willingness to hand over their college to any body of persons possessing the means to carry out this object.

This petition was the germ of the future



MR. JOHN HENRY CHALLIS,  
Who bequeathed £250,000 to the University.

University of Sydney. The Legislative Council accepted the offer, and assumed the responsibility of the necessary initiatory measures. The committee for the furtherance of this project consisted of W. C. Wentworth, E. Deas-Thomson (Colonial Secretary), John Hubert Plunkett (Attorney-General), Charles Cowper, Robert Lowe (afterwards Viscount Sherbrooke), Charles Nicholson (the Speaker), Robert Nicholls, and James Macarthur—a remarkable association of men, each of whom became eminent in colonial or Imperial affairs, whilst in an especial manner William Charles Wentworth may be referred to as the father and promoter of the budding university.

On October 1, 1850, Sir Charles Fitzroy being Governor, the act of incorporation received the vice-regal assent, the colony at that time having a population of only 187,000. As Mr. H. E. Barff, M.A., since



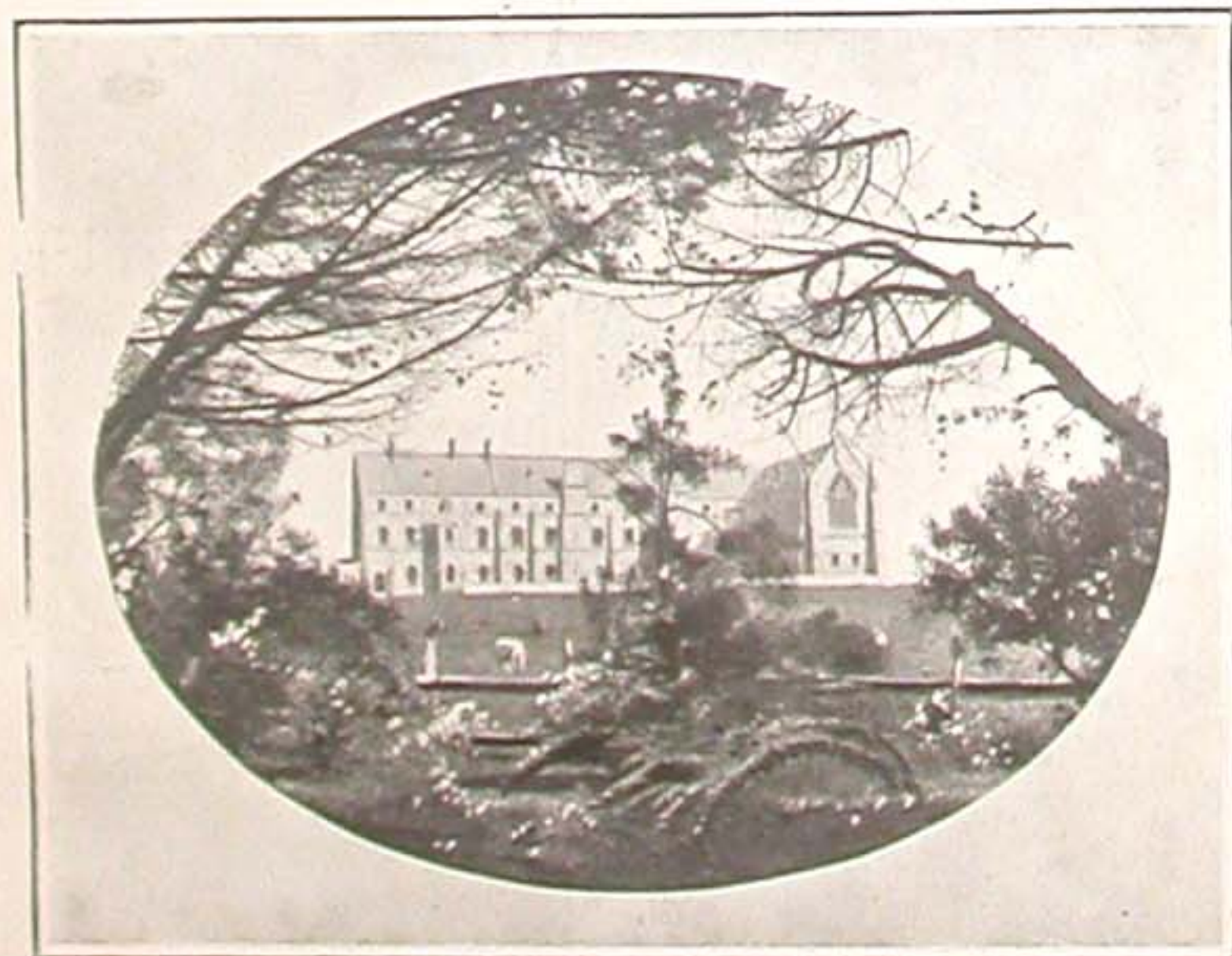
SIR CHARLES NICHOLSON, BART., M.D.  
Vice-Chancellor, 1851-1854; Chancellor,  
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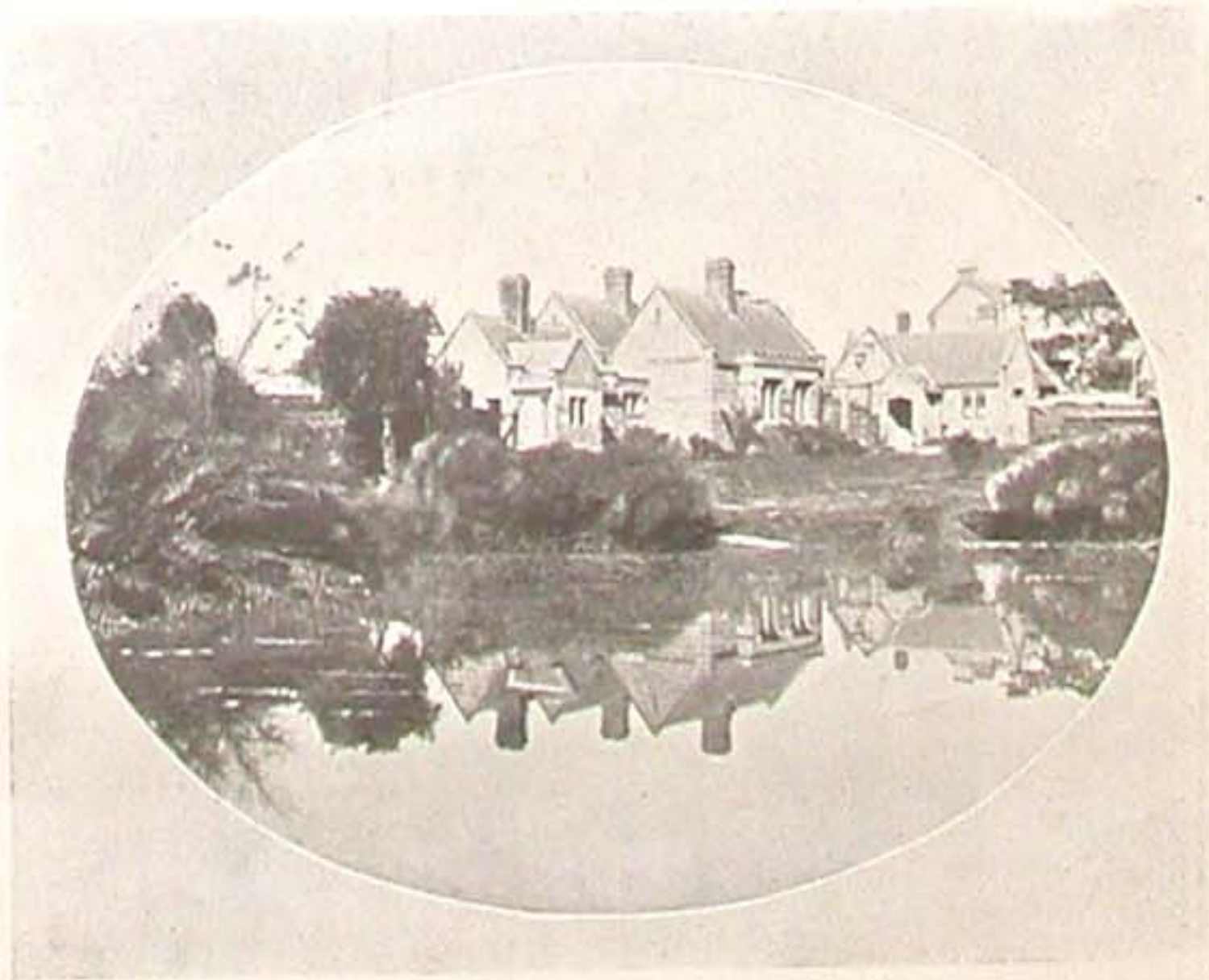
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