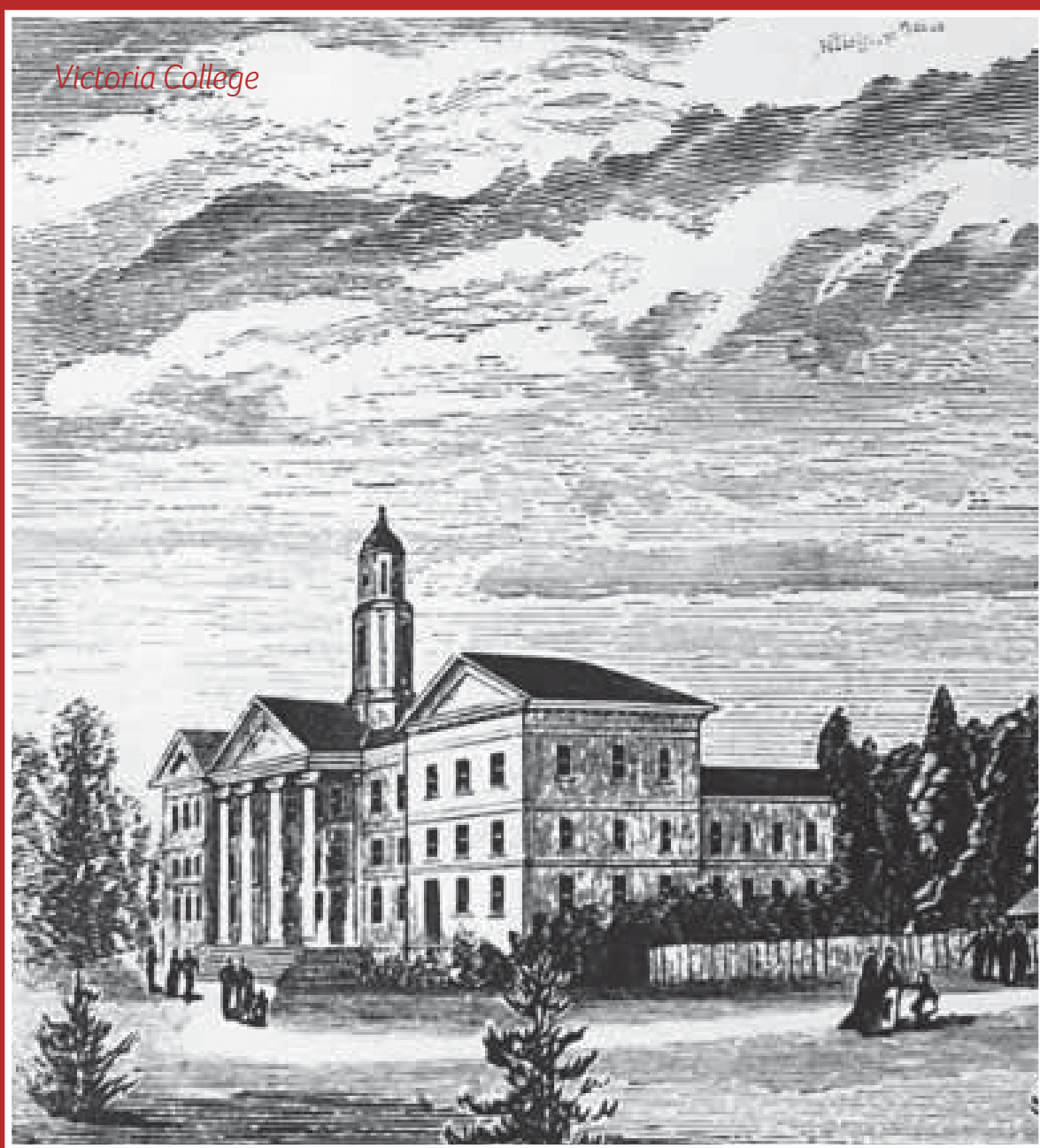




Augusta Stowe-Gullen

1883 was the year that Emily Stowe's pioneering efforts led to the creation of the first Medical College for Women in Ontario. It was that same year that Emily's daughter, **Ann Augusta, received her M. D. degree from Cobourg's Victoria College**, the same one that had refused admission to her mother 31 years earlier!

Augusta was not only the first female graduate of an Ontario university but also **the first woman to earn a medical degree in Canada**. She is legendary for her lecture hall outburst where she chastised the professor and students who were mocking her being there.



The Department of Medicine at Victoria College was established in 1854 when the University of Toronto ceased instruction in medicine. Classes in medicine were actually held at the Toronto School of Medicine although the degree was granted by Victoria College.

On graduation, Augusta married Dr John B. Gullen, and was appointed **Demonstrator in Anatomy at the Woman's Medical College** in Toronto (from 1894 known as the Ontario Medical College for Women and eventually transformed into the Women's College Hospital).

In 1890 she was appointed Lecturer on Diseases of Children, subsequently **Professor of Diseases of Children**. She also served among the original staff

members of Toronto Western Hospital when it was founded in 1896.

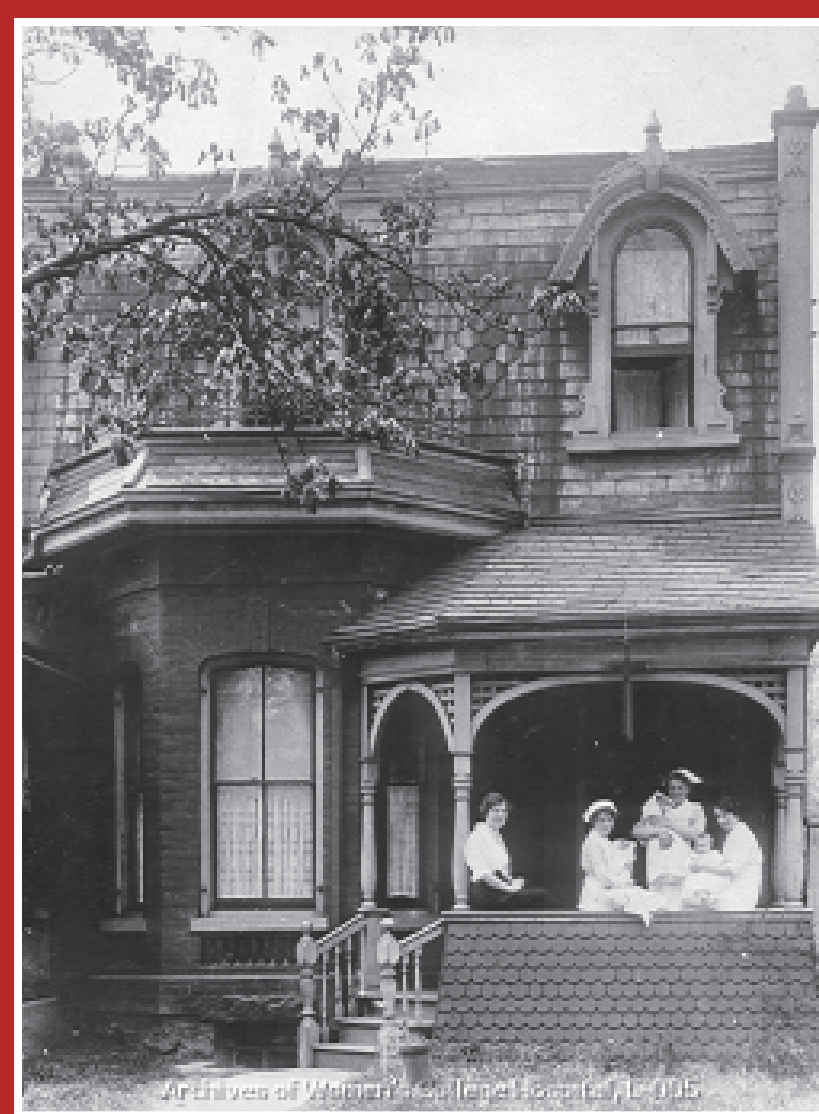
Augusta Stowe-Gullen was a member of the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons, the Ontario Social Service Council and the Senate of the University of Toronto where **she represented women in the medical profession from 1912 to 1924**.

Among a host of other affiliations and associations she was also **active in the suffrage, temperance and other social movements**. She was among the founders of the National Council of Women in 1893, President of the Canadian Suffrage Association and Vice-President of the National Council of Women.

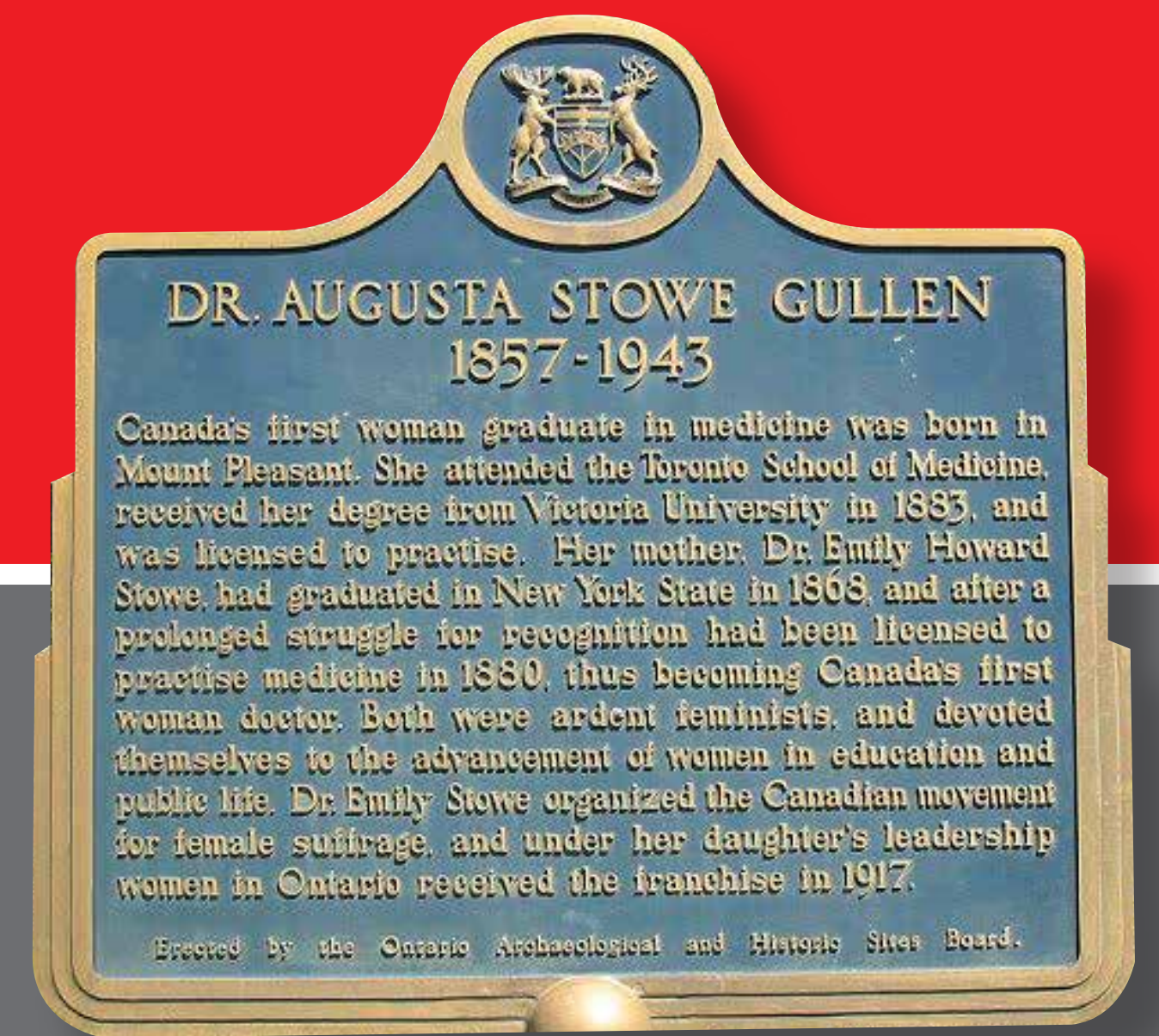
She succeeded her mother, Emily Stowe, as President of the Dominion Women's Enfranchisement Association in 1903.

In 1935 Augusta Stowe-Gullen was **awarded the Order of the British Empire** by His Majesty King George V.

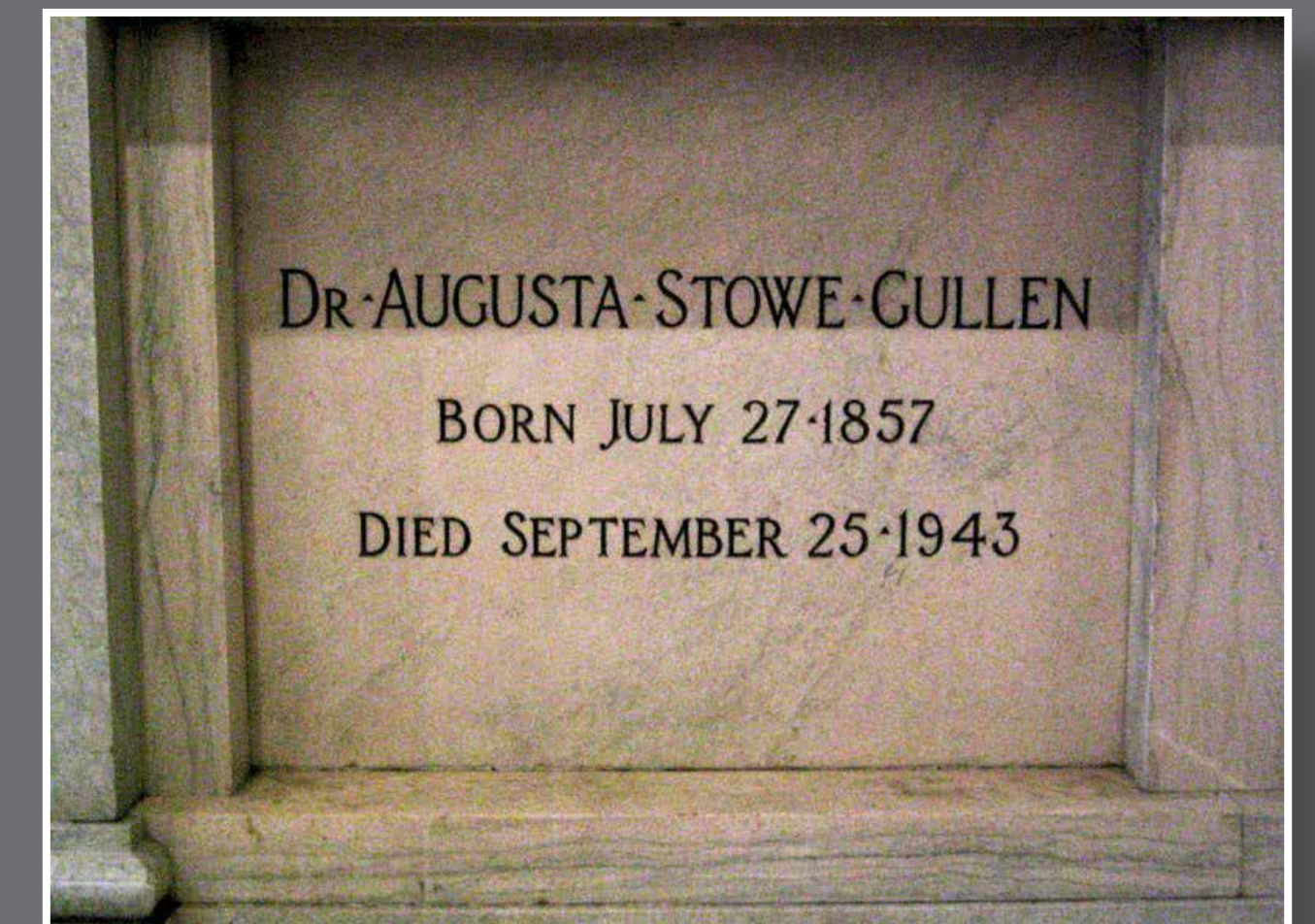
She passed away in Toronto in 1943 at the age of 86.



Women's College Hospital



Gullen Plaque, Mt. Pleasant, Ontario
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Stowe-Gullen Memorial



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