

intellectual pursuits has been considerable when compared with that of many of my associates, but when I take a peep at the lives of the illustrious of the earth, I am abashed at my little advancement."

In the winter vacation he writes,—“During twelve weeks of this vacation I have been teaching the school at Derby in which my first attempts were made two years ago. Many of my evenings are spent in attending conference and preaching meetings, conducted by Mr. Kinsman, Mr. Davis and others; while the meetings of our own church give me no considerable exercise in composition and speaking.”

“Feb. 23, 1841. To-day I left home again to proceed to Dartmouth. It is trying to part with my friends, and chiefly with my beloved father, whom I may never see again. He exhorted me, as far as his strength permitted, not to dig too deep into heathen philosophy, but rather into the Scriptures, for it was from the latter he now received his chief comfort.”

That he delighted in his college course is evident. Writing of it April 2, 1841, he says,—“Seated by the cheerful blaze of my little fire, surrounded by the works of departed genius, and the privileges of college life, I may well say, ‘My lines have fallen in pleasant places.’

“May 26, 1842. After finishing the study of Bakewell’s “Geology,” Professor Hulbard and about thirty members of the senior class made an excursion to Moose Mountain, at the east of the town. We saw some trap rock, found some small quartz crystals and red hematite and enjoyed some fine prospects. A pentagonal piece of trap and a rhomb of quartz were brought back and placed in the cabinet.”

“July 28. I must bid adieu to my Alma Mater, and I cannot leave these halls without emotion. The world is before me—may He lead me on, who has conducted me thus far.”

In September, 1842, he entered the Canadian Baptist College at Montreal, then in its palmy days. Here he met such worthy men as Dr. Davis, Dr. Cramp, Dr. Fyfe, Dr. Davidson, and others whose lives have been an inspiration to Canadian Baptists.

His father having died during his college days, he determined not to be a burden to his widowed mother, and supported