

that he won the admiration of his brethren of the Committee, and had the full confidence and warm affection of Senator McMaster to the hour of his death.

Doubtless with a view of eliminating difficulties in the way of effecting the new organization, Dr. Rand resigned the Principalship of Woodstock College, and resumed his professorship in McMaster Hall, with leave of absence in Europe for a year. At the wish, however, of Chancellor MacVicar and other brethren he returned from Europe in three months, and at the expiration of a year accepted the chair of Ethics and Education in the University, being granted leave of absence for a year for purposes of rest, study and University observation. After an absence of eleven months, at the request of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, he returned on the resignation of Chancellor MacVicar, accepted the Chairmanship of the Arts department, which was to open in a few months, and undertook to secure students for the first class in Arts. For the past two years he has so discharged the delicate and arduous duties of his position as to have the satisfaction of seeing the University rapidly assume an acknowledged position in the confidence of the denomination and the public, and of being assured of the fellowship and sympathy in labor of the Chairman of the Faculty of Theology, Dr. Goodspeed, and all his brethren of the United Faculty of Arts and Theology. A common impulse has co-operated to incite all to united effort in the discharge of responsible duties.

It is needless to state that Dr. Rand possesses talents of a very high order,—that his learning, ability to work, and administrative gifts are extraordinary. This is all made plain by his record. He belongs to the class of men who are not satisfied with mere routine work and the accepted state of things about them. He is always thoughtful and open-eyed, and his spirit spurs finally. Throughout his entire public life this has ever

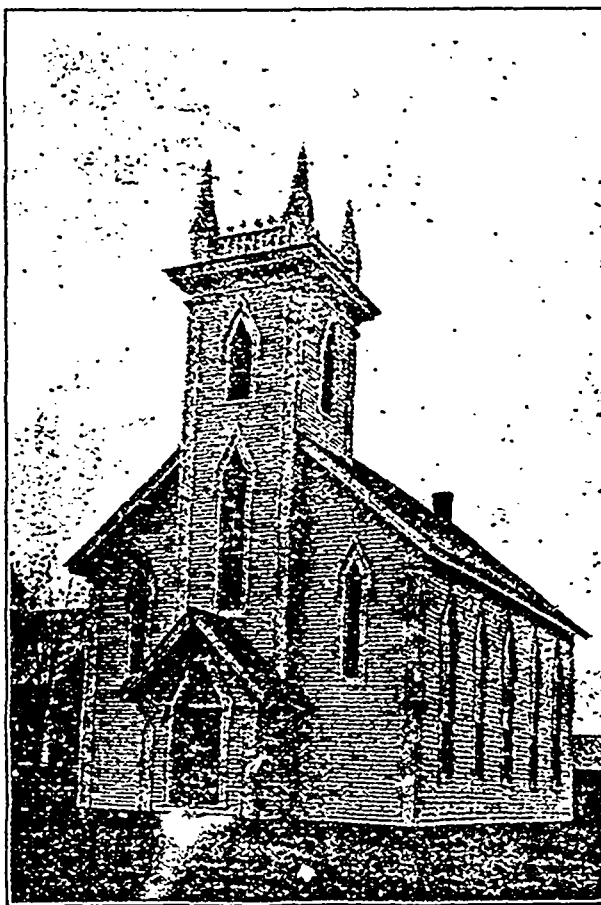
been apparent. He surveys the whole field of Education from the primary school to the University, and studies the relations of part to part. The genius that works to these ends is never dormant in him. As the breath is essential to the natural life so is this to his intellectual life. He finds a field for his gifts and calling in the great domain lying between the pulpit and the parliament. He has talents and sympathies for either the preacher, the literary man, or the statesman. But no work can enlist and engage his talents, marshal his energies, kindle his ambi-

against the non-sectarian school system of New Brunswick. And these principles are not less dear to him because they have been the peculiar heritage of the Baptists all down the stream of history. Dr. Rand was born a leader and a pioneer. His ardent temperament and active mind make continual, severe and exhaustive thinking congenial labor. He examines, analyzes and compares with a patience that never flags, though wide experience enables him to apply principles with great readiness in emergent circumstances.

Underneath his talents is a self-reliance always indifferent to the relative strength of minorities and majorities. It stands rock-like against all opposition. It has nothing of the nature of stubbornness. It upholds his intelligent righteous convictions, to which his moral nature clings with a tenacity stronger than life. Difficulties have no terror for him. With the increase of their number seem to grow his hopefulness and assurance. Conditions and surroundings from which wire-pullers and opportunists recede, do not drive him from the open ways of warfare, but confirm his confidence in the principles at stake, and are a guarantee of ultimate success. Here his hope, courage and faith are at their best. Either defeat, utter and final, or victory is the end of all his labors—it has been victory. His work can never be finished on middle ground.

All he undertakes, however, must be real and worthy. The end sought must involve man's welfare and the divine glory.

Dr. Rand's ability is not of the showy kind. It is not always on exhibition. It might not appear to a stranger that he possessed talents that would distinguish him. In the practical work of life, however, they come into view. It is in these circumstances that his superior abilities are seen in the fulness of their power. When strength is measured with strength and skill with skill, he rises to the occasion. He comes to the front and stays there. But few are found who,



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From a photograph by H. O. DODGE, of Bridgewater, N. S.

tion, and keep steadily burning the fire of his enthusiasm, like that of Christian education.

Those who know him are aware that during all his years of public life he has fearlessly espoused the great principles of soul-liberty and civil freedom for all individuals, classes and creeds. He believes in putting these principles into the widest practise in our beloved Canada. Witness the splendid and triumphant fight under his leadership, against separate schools in New Brunswick, when the influence of Ontario and of the Dominion Parliament were utilized