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A name intimately associated with what is most valued by Canadian Baptists, is that of James Cooper, the pastor, the scholar, the friend, the man of God. He was born Dec. 27th, 1812, near the village of Dunse, in Berwickshire, Scotland, which lies upon one of the tributaries of

"Tweed's fair river, broad and deep."

This beautiful region is the Borderland of song and story, where, many generations ago, knights and lords and freebooters trooped and fought and revelled, and where armies, rushing from North and South, met and joined in deadly conflict. George Cooper, an employee in the paper mill at Dunse, was his father—an honest man and religious withal, as was shown by his election to the eldership of the Presbyterian Church. Our hero was early made acquainted with the meaning of toil, serving as an errand boy and mail carrier for the firm which owned the mill in which his father worked. He was afterwards bound to the cabinet-makers' trade, and worked out a seven years' apprenticeship in Kelso, the town which Horatius Bonar blessed with his holy ministry.

We are told that as a youth Mr. Cooper was fond of reading and serious and earnest thinking; nevertheless the memory