

Galt Collegiate Institute, where he spent a year under his old teacher and friend, Dr. Tassie. In 1870 he entered Knox College, Toronto, to study for the Ministry. His career in Theology was as brilliant as it had been in the University, involving, as it did, the fate of almost every prize for which he was eligible. Nor was it in his scholastic training alone that he gave promise of future usefulness in the high calling of the Ministry. During his theological course he spent two summers in mission work in Hamilton, in what was known as the Wentworth Mission, and which has lately been or is about to be organized into a congregation. Another summer was spent in charge of a mission field in the north-west part of Toronto, where he organized what is now College Street Presbyterian Church, a congregation which has grown so rapidly under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Gilroy, that it has now the largest Presbyterian Church building in Toronto, with one exception. He was licensed on the 2nd July, 1873, by the Presbytery of Toronto, and on the following day received a unanimous call to St. Joseph Street Church, Montreal. In this charge he spent nine years of an active, useful and eminently successful Ministry, when the councils of the Church called him to other work. Nominally correct, I am really in error in speaking of his being called to other work. The "call" had reached him ere he had been a year in Montreal. In 1874 he was appointed Lecturer in Exegesis in the College, in this succeeding Rev. (now Dr.) Munro Gibson, of London, England. Thus for eight years he continued to discharge the double duties of City Minister and College Lecturer. This great strain proved too severe, and at length he was obliged to take a trip to Europe to recuperate. The British Isles, France, Switzerland and Italy were visited, and especially at Rome was spent an enjoyable holiday. Seats of learning were not neglected in his way. It was during his absence in Europe that he was appointed to the Chair which he now fills in our College, by the General Assembly, then in session at St. John, N.B., (1882). He was thus relieved from pastoral work, and enabled to devote his whole time and energies to the work for which he had already given abundant evidence of his aptitude, and for which he had made so much sacrifice.

The Rev. Professor combines in a rare degree the various qualifications called for in his work and office. When graduates and students speak of the "round man," the reference is to Professor Scrimger. He coincides all round with the circle of qualities necessary in his professorship. As an ex-egete (to quote the words of one of our graduates) "he combines thorough scholarship with calmness and impartiality of judgment, and thorough sympathy with the Sacred Writers and their themes." As a lecturer he is an unqualified success. His prelections are delivered in a clear and pleasing manner; being orderly in arrangement, logical in thought, and