



1833. They were the eldest and the twin sons of Mr. John Brown who, together with his truly noble wife, was among the pioneers of that township. Their home was not only the birthplace of two ministers but a veritable ministers' home. The student or minister ever found a hearty welcome, and many a solitary waif was there housed, clothed and fed; some of them for years finding a home with Mr. and Mrs. John Brown. "They never turn anyone away" was the grateful utterance of many of these. Besides rearing a family of ten of their own they also reared many others, and will be long remembered as the most large-hearted and whole-souled couple of Caledon. Their children all possessed that nobility of character of which they might justly be proud; seven of whom now survive them.

Many a night we have lodged with the worthy couple during our career as student. Revs. John and Robert worked on the farm until the age of twenty-one; then, with a laudable ambition, they started out in the world (their only capital, brain and muscle), to obtain an education and fit themselves for the Christian ministry. With indomitable perseverance they prosecuted their studies, until they held *first-class certificates* from the

Normal School in Toronto. By teaching they earned sufficient to enable them to enter the Congregational College, then located in Toronto.

During much of their college course they paid their own way, being unwilling to burden the institution with their education. Upon graduation, John received and accepted a unanimous call to Speedside, and Robert settled in Garafraxa. They subsequently occupied other pulpits in Ontario, and then removed to the new Province of Manitoba. Here, after laboring in the Congregational body for some time, they united with the Presbyterians; but upon removing to the Pacific slope they resumed work in connection with the Congregationalists, in which community they remained until they were called away.

Rev. John was our pastor for some time, and we found him invariably kind, loving, upright, and deeply consecrated to his work. He was much beloved in Speedside. We can speak equally well of Rev. Robert, as we were very intimate. The longer we knew these brethren the more we loved them. They possessed good talents for poetry and elocution; their generous natures won them many friends. Never "greedy of filthy lucre," they began their ministry on salaries just *three-fifths* of