

on which it was based. Thus, Alexander was early trained to know the Scriptures and to let no obstacle prevent his regular attendance at the services of the house of the Lord.

When the boy was nine years of age, his parents came to Canada and purchased two hundred acres of land near Beebee Plain, Stanstead, Quebec, where, in 1834, at the age of thirteen, he was converted under the preaching of Elder Newel. In his boy's journal he writes,—

"Oct. 4, 1834. This day I have found hope through the blood of Christ. I can now say like the Psalmist, I joy to go into the house of the Lord."

"Dec. 14. This day I have put on Christ visibly to the world by being buried with Him in baptism and raised to newness of life. It was very cold, 26° below zero."

His brother, Mr. James Lorimer, now living at Grimsby, well remembers the occasion, and says it was bitterly cold for an outdoor baptism; the ice had to be broken and the water kept constantly stirred for the ordinance, but the boy was determined and would not be put off.

The very next year he decided upon his life work, "A minister to preach the everlasting gospel." He immediately began Latin and such other studies as would prepare him for matriculation, studying with Mr. Elder at Stanstead, and afterwards taking Greek with Mr. Colby of Derby Centre, Vt. In 1839 he entered Dartmouth College, taking an honorable standing, and after four years received the degree of B.A., with gold medal for proficiency in the Greek language and literature.

His college diary has only an occasional entry and that more about the new thoughts given him in the lectures than about himself. But under date July 19th, 1840, he writes,—

"The summer term is now drawing to a close. At such a season as this, it is profitable to take a retrospective view of my college course, and from any experience and knowledge I have acquired to profit in the future. While my mind has been gradually expanding in intellectual knowledge, I am reluctantly obliged to confess that I have fallen behind in moral improvement. Many more omissions of religious duties, more hardness of conscience, and a continued disinclination to the exalted end of my being, than when I first entered college. My progress in