

He was loving and affectionate in his family relations, and a kind and generous friend of the students. During the second session, the College met in the "*Ontario Terrace Academy*," Front Street, the Academy and Boarding House being under the supervision of that able and judicious man, and faithful minister of Christ, the Rev. Alexander Gale. During this session there were present twenty-two students, and for several years they have ranged from fifty to sixty in attendance at the various classes, and studying for the Gospel Ministry, in connection with the Presbyterian Church.

I do not intend to enter farther upon the history of Knox College, but would refer to an article on this subject in the November No. of the Record, 1864. On 9th September, 1845, and not in April, 1844, as lately stated in the Record, the first three students sent forth by Knox College were licensed to preach the Gospel by the Presbytery of Toronto, the Rev. Dr. Burns presiding; namely, Messrs. McColl, McKinnon, and Wallace.

Such then was the origin of two Presbyterian Colleges in Canada: Queen's College University, Kingston, and Knox Theological College, Toronto; the latter of which has sent forth 146 students—considerably over 100 of whom have become pastors in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Three of them are now labouring in the Far West, in the regions extending from the Red River to the Pacific Ocean; and some of them have gone to the West Indies, and other lands, while several of them are engaged in the Home Mission work in Canada. Eight or nine have died, and entered on a more glorious course of study than any pursued on earth, even the contemplation of all God's works and ways, especially his grace and love, in his own immediate presence, and under the unclouded smiles of His own face, where every mystery shall be made plain, and where all His people shall be "**LIKE HIM; FOR THEY SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS.**" Many of those who passed through Knox College are favourably known as able, earnest, energetic, and acceptable labourers in the Lord's vineyard. I believe the Revival movement, which resulted in the Disruption, has accomplished most important purposes; not only honouring and exalting the Headship of Christ, and the sacredness of conscience, in matters of religion; but also rousing the church from her lethargy, and leading her to put forth far greater and more earnest efforts to meet the wants of her own adherents at home and abroad, and to fulfil her high commission by preaching the gospel to the ends of the earth.

A more earnest spirit has also, for years, pervaded the Synod of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland. And, in common with many others, I feel that it is now the duty of the two Synods to endeavour to unite and form one large Presbyterian Church for all Canada. The hand of the Great King is pointing both churches and nations in this direction; and is thus preparing the way for the fuller manifestation of his glory, even as He brought about the union of the nations under the Great Roman Empire, before His advent among men. Were such a union effected, we might have several colleges at various points convenient for our students to attend; as, Morrin College, Quebec; the new Theological Hall, Montreal; Queen's University, Kingston; and Knox College, Toronto; from which might soon be sent forth an increasing number of well trained, and we trust devoted labourers, to meet the growing wants of our rising country, and of that section of British America extending from Canada to the Pacific. When once the Confederation of the British Provinces is effected, we might then also unite with the Presbyterian Churches of the Lower Provinces. United, we would have more than 500 ministers under one Gene-