

DR. JOHN BAYNE

with Dr. Bayne before his neat-looking hieroglyphics were all comprehended, the proofs corrected, and the interesting and instructive production placed before the reading public.

It has always been a wonder to many how Dr. Bayne ever found his way to the "wilds of Canada," for wild, indeed, the country was in those remote days. His talents were so great, his learning so wide and deep, and his tastes so cultivated and refined, that it is surprising that he ever left the intellectual centres of Great Britain, where he was well equipped to win renown either in college or pulpit. The secret is doubtless to be found in the intensity and fervour of his religious convictions.

His preaching afforded ample proof of this, as it was exceedingly remarkable, being characterized by a zeal and passionate eloquence rarely equalled. "So impressed was he with the mighty import of the message of the Gospel," to use my words on a former occasion, "that he was known to preach for two hours and a half, and sometimes his Sabbath services continued from eleven o'clock till after three in the afternoon. His style of preaching vividly recalled the old pictures left us of John Knox preaching before Queen Mary,* and although probably a shade too austere,

* "Mr. Bayne, in the judgment of his congregation, was a preacher *par excellence*. In preaching he would begin in a slow, deliberate tone, but as he proceeded his expression became more rapid; then the whole man would preach. Tongue, countenance, eyes, feet, hands, body—all would grow eloquent. Under his able and energetic pastorate the congregation soon became strong and vigorous."—*Historical Sketch of Knox Church, Gall, 1901*.