

SKETCH OF DR. KELLEY'S LIFE

FREDERICK WILLIAM KELLEY was born in Stewiacke, Nova Scotia, on March 12th, 1844. His father was one of the earliest temperance reformers of that province. When the son was a laddie about five years of age, he one day met a traveller who stopped his horse to speak to a little student of nature whom he saw grasping a bunch of wild flowers with one hand and holding two or three stones in the other. The traveller was himself much interested in scientific research, and education as well, and at once entered into a brief conversation with this promising young investigator. The lad invited his new-found friend home to tea. In later years, when young Kelley came to consider whither he should go for his college education, he decided in favor of McGill University because, for one reason at least, Principal Dawson of that institution was none other than this way-side acquaintance of his very early years.

He attended Truro Normal School, and at sixteen years of age was teaching in his native province. He entered McGill in 1867 and completed his course in Arts in 1871 with the degree of B.A., and with first-rank Honors in English Language, Literature, and History. He also won the Shakespeare gold medal, and the Logan prize for the best collection of specimens in Zoology.

In the closing hours of the examination of his final year, he was asked by Principal Dawson to undertake a temporary teaching engagement in Montreal High School, the acceptance of which