

lived with his teacher and made rapid progress in the subjects taught. When sixteen years of age he was again sent from home, this time to attend the school at Nictaux conducted by the late James Morse of Wolfville, then a recent graduate of Acadia. This course of study was helpful and stimulating in a high degree, and six months of Mr. Morse's tuition qualified him to teach the school at Kingston, his native village. This position he filled for a year. After a short interval, he went to Horton Academy to complete his preparation for Acadia and matriculated in 1849.

His University course was broken by two years of teaching at Berwick, Cornwallis. Converted in childhood and baptized when ten years old by Rev. W. C. Rideout into the fellowship of the Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot church, a mother of preachers (over twenty have gone forth from her bosom,) his thoughts were early turned towards the gospel ministry. His first sermon was preached in a school house at Town Plot, opposite the College, when he was twenty years of age. This discourse was carefully prepared as were all his early sermons. Hours were frequently spent, during his University course, thinking out his sermons in the grove south of the College, since cut away. Along with his Arts work he pursued Dr. Cramp's course in Theology and was graduated from the University in 1854.

After spending a year at Newton Theological Institution (1856-7), then as now one of the foremost Seminaries of sacred learning, he became pastor of the Windsor Church, which he had supplied during two summer vacations, and which awaited his return from Newton. At Newton he had enjoyed the tuition of Horatio B. Hackett, one of the most scholarly and inspiring Biblical teachers of the time, as well as that of Alvah Hovey, then in his youthful vigor and who crowned with honors will, it is hoped, complete his fifty years of service in the Institution in 1899.

Seventeen years of joyful and strenuous labor at Windsor as pastor and preacher bore abundant fruit in a large increase in the membership and in the financial strength of the body. A church edifice costing about \$8,000 was erected during his pastorate and the church took its place among the strongest and best developed in the province. While at Windsor he became engaged in controversy on Christian baptism, and a well written and scholarly pamphlet on the subject embodied his contribution to the discussion. In performing his pastoral duties he held to a rigid system, so far as it was practicable, devoting certain hours of the day to pulpit preparation and certain hours also to side-studies carried on conjointly with his homiletical work.

In 1874, Mr. Welton resigned his pastorate to accept a chair in the Theological Department of Acadia University, where he gave instruction in Hebrew, Systematic Theology, and Homiletics.