After graduation Professor Coldwell was appointed instructor in Mathematics in Horton Academy, which position he retained until 1881, when he succeeded Professor Kennedy in the department of Natural Science in Acadia College. A chair in Science was established in 1883 and Professor Coldwell received the appointment to this chair, which position he has since held.

Professor Coldwell received the degree of M. A. from his Alma Mater in 1872 In 1883 he studied at Colby University, pursuing a course in Chemical Analysis, and he also took the summer course in Geology at the Normal School of Science, London, Eng., under Professor Judd, in 1890.

The course of study in Natural Science has been much enlarged during the past few years. It is very comprehensive at the present time. A large opportunity is given for practical work and scope afforded for independent research. Under the supervision of Professor Coldwell a constantly increasing amount of efficient laboratory apparatus has been procured. Professor Coldwell is curator of the Museum, which under his careful supervision has become a rich possession of the University. He has taken a large interest in the development of science teaching in the educational work of the Maritime Provinces, and is at the present time on the faculty of the Summer School of Science of the Atlantic Provinces. He recently acted for one term on the force of the Dominion Geological Survey.

Professor Coldwell's work has been steady, constant and earnest, with a view to the best good of those who come under his instruction. A department such as that in charge of Prof. Coldwell necessitates careful supervision, attention to details and many extra hours of work. But above all is that personal interest taken in individual students, and the desire that each should obtain the best help that the Science department affords.