

that Thomas Wardrope was one of the first students of Knox College. This was incorrect, as he had settled, previously, at Ottawa, as Head Master of the Grammar School; and was afterwards settled as pastor of the Presbyterian Church in that place.

Professor King was very highly esteemed by his students, as a most able and faithful labourer in the master's service. His prelections in Theology were *rich and racy*, and delivered freely without manuscript. They seemed to spring up spontaneously from a well stored mind that had thoroughly mastered the science of Didactic Theology. He took as the basis of his Lectures, the "Westminster Confession of Faith," and gave a most luminous and impressive exposition of its various articles. His manner was frank and warming, and his spirit kind and cordial towards his students, leading him to take the deepest interest in their welfare; while his conscientiousness led him to deal most faithfully in all his relations with them. He sought to impress on their minds the duty of preaching the simple Gospel, advising them ordinarily to select the *plainest* statements of the way of salvation, and earnestly to plead with men to be reconciled to God.

Professor Esson greatly endeared himself to his students by his warm, loving disposition, and his earnest desire to promote the happiness of all with whom he came in contact. His manner was very animated, and his style discursive. He delighted to dwell on the wisdom and goodness of God, displayed in all the work of his hands as well as in the government of the world and the church. His mind seemed a vast store-house of varied learning, and so enthusiastic was his temperament, and so delighted was he to impart instruction, that he often forgot when the class hour had expired, and had to be reminded of it by some of the students holding up their watches to let him know.

During the first session of Knox College the students formed prayer meetings in various localities in the city. The fourteen students of Knox's uniting with the six students of the Congregational Church, under the care of Dr Lillie, and dividing the city into ten districts, then going two and two in each district, they visited weekly nearly all the families, and distributed religious tracts among them, and occasionally engaged in conversation, reading the Scriptures and prayer with them. This resulted in the Toronto City Mission, which for years did good service to the cause of God and humanity, under the humble, self-denying and successful labourer of that devoted city missionary, Mr. William Johnston.

During the summer of 1845, Dr. Burns returned to Canada, having received a call to become pastor of Knox Church, Toronto. He was also appointed for the time, Professor of Theology in Knox College. Of his earnest and devoted labours on behalf of the College and the Church generally, it is unnecessary for me to speak at present, as they are so well known throughout Canada, and happily the venerable father is still spared in our midst. With him was associated a devoted fellow labourer, who has long since been called to enter upon the joy of his Lord, the Rev. William Rintoul, Professor of Hebrew and Exegetical Theology. He was a man of respectable scholarship, upright and honourable in all his dealings, amiable in disposition, quiet and dignified in his manner and conversation, orderly and systematic in the arrangement of his time and labours. He had for years been most faithful in the discharge of all his duties as a pastor at Streetsville, rising early and generally devoting the mornings to study, and the afternoons to visiting among his people and other kindred work. He was always the same, whether in the pulpit or in society, the same grave, wise, conscientious man, earnestly desirous of promoting the glory of God, and the best interests of the church and of society.