

lesson in the classics received. Young men who in the face of difficulties are preparing for the ministry, may well be encouraged by this example. Where there is tenacity of purpose, crooked places are made straight and rough places plain. God will help those who help themselves. After working and teaching for several years, he entered Dalhousie College. He proved a most diligent student and graduated with honors. Soon after he entered upon his Arts course he was employed as a catechist, and his quiet thoughtful sermons attracted the attention of the more intelligent of his hearers. In our Theological College here, he was held in high esteem by students and professors. He took a complete course of study, and received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. As a theological student he was enthusiastic, faithful and thorough. He was in full sympathy with his work; he studied as in the sight of God, and every subject was thoroughly explored. He read extensively and made himself conversant with the various phases of religious thought. Mr. Smith happened to be present at a meeting in Halifax addressed by the coryphæus of the Canadian agnostics, and courageously took up the gauntlet which had been thrown down. Impromptu he gave such an effective reply that the lecturer himself, admitted that he had encountered a very powerful antagonist. During the present session he was a student in the Political Economy class at Dalhousie College, and only a few weeks ago he remarked to the writer that ministers should study such subjects, for he believed that the Gospel had a great work to do in adjusting the difficult questions of labor and capital, etc. This incident shows the breath of his views, and that he wished to make the Gospel bear upon all phases of social life.

After his licensure and ordination, he labored for a year as missionary at River Herbert, in Cumberland County, where he did a good work in organization. At one time he had resolved upon engaging in Foreign Mission work, but circumstances arose which prevented him from carrying his wish into execution. From the Richmond congregation he received a unanimous and hearty call, which, after mature deliberation, he accepted. Here his ministry extended over only five months. But brief as it was he greatly endeared himself to his people who are now grief-stricken under their loss. They had hoped for years of invaluable service