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essayist and logical debater. In the religious life of the College he was always a positive and elevating force. His every day conduct, so pure and truthful, gave him a vantage ground from which to exhort, to warn, and to encourage.

As a companion he was especially sought after. Many an old student can recall walks and talks most delightful and profitable which they were privileged at times to have with Mr. McGregor. During the hours of freedom from study—from four to six—he was as light-hearted and merry as a boy. He was more than a match for any with his keen but always kindly mirth and quick repartee; or, if his companion had any sorrow or perplexity, he was instantly in the fullest sympathy with him, and ready to comfort, encourage, advise, or, if he thought the circumstances demanded it, wisely and tenderly to admonish. Few indeed have been the students who have so completely won the esteem alike of teachers and fellow-students.

It was not my privilege to be with him in Toronto University; but he was the same there as in Woodstock, only more fully developed. All his powers of mind and heart were still reaching upward. While attending the University he assumed the duties of a pastor. His ideals as to preaching were so high, and he was so conscientious in endeavoring to attain to them, that he had not the time to give to society the attention that he otherwise would. His entire strength was consumed in faithful preparation for the class-room and the pulpit, and in pastoral duties. For although he was carrying a heavy course of study. D. A. McGregor was not the man to enter the pulpit without the most careful preparation of heart and mind for its sacred duties. The people of Whitby and Brooklin, of which churches he had the oversight at that time, bear testimony to his thorough personal work as an under shepherd.

There are those who feel that Mr. McGregor allowed his regular work so completely to monopolize his time that he did not take the relaxation and vigorous exercise necessary to sustain and develop his physical powers. Endowed by nature with a sturdy frame, his muscles strengthened by the exhilerating out door toil on the home farm, he did not seem to realize that any intellectual strain could do him bodily injury. But after years seemed to prove that he had drawn during his student

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