

George's first school was an ephemeral institution for very young boys in the northern part of Toronto, under the charge of a lady. As far as we can recall their names, all the little boys who attended this school—Martin Baldwin, Strachan Ince, "Mill" and "Bill" Jarvis, Clarence Rogers, Hal Gordon and George Mackenzie—were afterwards to become soldiers of the Empire in the great war. The four last-named were destined to give their lives to the cause.

In 1902 George entered the preparatory branch of Upper Canada College. His grandfather had been a resident pupil of the College sixty years before. As George had a love for books, a good intelligence and persistent industry, his reports were always excellent, and numerous prizes came his way. He was three years in the "Prep.," two years as a non-resident and one as a boarder. In 1905 he passed into the upper school as a boarder. Amongst the prizes awarded to him at this period were editions of the poetical works of Coleridge, Wordsworth and Tennyson. With the contents of those books he soon made himself familiar. Poetry was always a delight to him and he read all that he could get hold of. It was about this time, also, that he received some deep religious impressions, which remained with him as the basis of his character, and tended to shape his life and conduct. On such subjects, however, as indeed on all matters affecting his innermost feelings, he was habitually reticent.

In the summer of 1906, his father took him, with his sister, for a visit to Europe, which lasted two years. This was a very happy period in the boy's life, as it was also in the life of his