

prayers. In his next marriage, Mr. Walker was equally blessed, and under the prayerful training of his excellent father and pious step-mother, David's mind was early led to those subjects which affect the eternal salvation of the soul. Having given himself about the age of fourteen to Christ, he resolved also to give himself to the work of the ministry. In this he was much encouraged by the zeal and affectionate counsel of the Rev. John Downs his instructor, under whom he studied ancient classics. After reading the preliminary course of classics, he entered the Royal College at Belfast in which he took a full course

Latin, Greek, Logic, Mathematics, Metaphysics, and Natural Philosophy. In all the above branches of study Mr. Walker made and maintained a most respectable position for himself, having earned during his collegiate course the highest respect of his professors, and the greatest esteem of his fellow students. Having finished his academic studies, he was sent to Edinburgh, where he entered the Divinity Hall, then under the presidency of the Rev. Thos. McCrie, D.D., now professor of Divinity in the College of the English Presbyterian Church, in London.

After finishing his course of Theology in Edinburgh, he was duly licensed to preach the Gospel at the age of 21 years, and soon after settled as the pastor of the Congregation of Kirkwall, in Orkney, which position he occupied until after the union with the Free Church of Scotland in 1852, when, feeling that one F. C. congregation was all that the town required at that time, he resigned his charge, and his people though regretting to part with him, joined under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Sinclair.

After officiating for a time as assistant to the late Rev. J. Watt, of Elgin, he resolved on devoting himself to the work of Christ in the Colonies. In the summer of 1854 he married the eldest daughter of the Rev. David Burn, of Thurso, whom he leaves with a daughter of seven years and a son of four months to mourn their irreparable loss; three of his children having gone before him to "the better land."

Arriving in Canada in the fall of 1854, and being assigned by the Home Mission Committee to the Presbytery of London, he was sent to supply Sarnia, to the pastorate of which place he was soon after invited by the all but unanimous voice of the Church there, and was duly inducted on the 14th Feb, 1856. From the date of his induction till the 20th of March last (except during his visit to his native country in 1862) he never failed to perform all his duties: most faithfully and conscientiously, though at times his friends doubted the prudence of his incessant labours.

When he became minister of Sarnia, there were many Presbyterian families scattered throughout the surrounding neighbourhood, and he had to minister more or less steadily for their benefit at two or three stations or preaching places, but these stations having in course of time become organised and otherwise supplied with means of grace, Mr. Walker's labours gradually became restricted to the Presbyterian population of the town of Sarnia, to whose spiritual interests he devoted the untiring energies of his heart and soul.

One feature of his missionary and evangelistic spirit was his entire unselfishness. While it must have been pleasing to him to find numbers driving a distance of several miles on the Lord's Day to receive the ordinances of grace at his hand, still he laboured earnestly to have such ordinances supplied at their own doors. Hence his unwearied efforts to obtain settled pastors for all the districts round about him. His missionary zeal was unbounded, he being ever ready at the call of the Presbytery to give any reasonable amount of labour to the Home Mission Field within the bounds, and when his health began to fail, he was still willing to spend and be spent for Christ in the Home Mission Work.

As a man, Mr. Walker was most amiable and obliging, free from all austerity of character and sternness of manner, and possessed of a heart full of the milk of human kindness. He was comparatively free from all that was combative, yet