

obtained a silver medal in classics. He was now a well educated young man. What was his condition religiously ?

His early training had all been in the right direction, and at the age of about fifteen he made a public profession of his faith in Jesus Christ, and was baptized by the Rev. Dr. Caldwell, of sainted memory in the Bond St. Baptist Church, Toronto.

His religion was not one of fits and starts, but steady and true. He had the courage of his convictions, and was not ashamed to confess his Saviour. He was an acquisition to the church, and some will perhaps remember him as one of the faithful few at the Sunday morning prayer-meeting.

While attending the University he became a member of the Toronto Y. M. C. A., and was one of its active workers. He was fortunate in being associated with a man who will long be remembered in Toronto for his earnest and quiet Christian work, the late Robert Baldwin.

Together they used to visit the sailors on Sunday morning, distributing tracts and talking with the men about the Saviour. John had resolved to devote his life to the service of his Master in preaching the Gospel. This had been the wish of his parents from his childhood, and after graduating at Toronto, he entered on his Theological studies at Rochester Theological Seminary. He afterwards spent some time in London, England, and in Hamburg in study and mission work. While pursuing his studies at Rochester, he employed his vacation by acting as pastor for the church at Beamsville.

Having completed his education, he was ordained at Whitby, Nov. 17th, 1876, and became pastor of the church there, which was recognized the same day. His work here lasted only about a year, but was characteristically thorough. This was his first pastorate, and has always been a pleasant memory to him ; and he has a warm place in his heart for the members of his first flock. But his work was not to be in Canada, his native land. While pursuing his studies at Rochester, he heard a voice calling him to the foreign field. For some time he struggled against the call. The voice would not be silenced, and at last he yielded, and his mind was at rest. Having once decided that God had called him to carry the Gospel to the heathen, he never hesitated nor faltered. The matter was settled between him