

suburbs, which took away 45 at one time. His Sabbath school is one of the largest and most efficient in the church, with about 300 on its roll, while the bible class numbers about 200 young men and women—probably the largest in the church. Mr. Thompson has been particularly attentive to bible-class teaching, and his instructions are highly prized by the young people of his charge. The utmost harmony has existed between the congregation and their accomplished pastor, and although he has often been solicited to preach in vacant congregations, with a view of being called, he has never seen it his duty to leave, and, with one exception, he has never, during the thirteen years of his pastorate, preached in a vacant pulpit.

Eight years ago, when the Presbyterian Church was about to organize a college in the new Province of Manitoba, Mr. Thompson was unanimously chosen by the General Assembly of his Church, then meeting in Quebec, to be its Principal and First Professor; but as the appointment was unexpected, and contrary to his wish, and as his removal met with the strenuous opposition of his congregation, he declined the appointment, and the present Principal, Prof. Bryce, was appointed in his place.

Mr. Thompson is most conscientious in his pastoral work, and laborious in his duties, having a high ideal of ministerial character and efficiency. But while fulfilling all his pastoral duties to the satisfaction of his people, his labors have not been confined to his own parish. He was for several years Convener of the Assembly's Committee on Sabbath schools, in which position he rendered good service, and his annual reports received the endorsement of the Assembly, and helped to mould opinion on this important subject. He has also given courses of lectures on Philology and English Literature to the students of the Ladies' College in Brantford, an institution which is exercising a great influence in the country. Last winter at the request of the Principal and Board of Directors, he gave a full course of lectures on Homiletics and Preaching to the Theological students of Queen's College, Kingston. These lectures were highly appreciated by the students, and Mr. Thompson has been requested to publish them. Mr. Thompson prepares most carefully for his pulpit duties, and preaches, sometimes, from a full manuscript; sometimes from notes more or less full, often without notes in any form, but always as the result of careful study and analysis of his subject. He is the author of an elaborate article on "Justification by Faith," contained in a volume of the "Canada Presbyterian Pulpit," and is a frequent contributor to the papers and magazines of the day.

Perhaps a better idea of Mr. Thompson as a preacher may be gained from his own idea of preaching, as contained in a sentence taken from one of his own lectures given to the students of Queen's College:

"The world belongs to Christ, and you must teach men the sacredness and significance of all work. I look to a time when men will not divide their duties into two classes, secular and religious, but when science, art, commerce, law, medicine, politics, literature, and the common toil of men's hands, will acknowledge and rejoice in the law of Christ, and advance His kingdom on the earth. I look for a time when the kingdom's of this world will have become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ. Therefore, open up the Scriptures, and