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rank among the refined.

Many of you remember the Rev. Dr. G. L. Howie, at one time vice-president of our association, when we were known as the Self-help Club. Dr. Howie is a native of Syria, and was educated in Edinburgh for the ministry of the Church of Scotland. While pursuing his studies at the university he became blind. Though overwhelmed for a time he soon resolved to continue his work, and did so to such good purpose that he was finally graduated M.A., Ph.D. He was employed in Edinburgh by the Edinburgh Home-teaching Society for the Blind as one of their distributors of embossed books, a labour in which he found great pleasure as well as some profit. Coming to Canada he engaged in missionary work, and at one time was the regular pastor of the Presbyterian Church, at Brussels, Ont., if I remember rightly. I first met him towards the end of my school-days at the Ont. Inst. for the Blind, Brantford, where he came as a guest.