

cises of speculative philosophy; its limits and value he well understood. His College career was often interrupted by failing health, and the seeds of disease began to show themselves in such a way as indicated to those who were most with him that the Church below had short work to look for. In these interruptions, as strength permitted, he devoted himself to educational pursuits, being two years—1857 and 58—Classical Tutor in the Georgetown Institute, giving considerable attention to the delivery of public lectures on Education. Most of the summer vacations, when health permitted, were spent in missionary work in the Presbytery of Ottawa; of which labours such places as Osgoode, Wakefield, Renfrew and Pembroke, cherish endeared memories.

It was to him a peculiar delight to preach the everlasting Gospel to his fellow-men; but the nervous prostration, and not unfrequently extreme suffering for days after, often caused him to shrink from this highest form of work. In the spring of 1862, when his collegiate course was completed, he received an appointment to Brantford, at a time when the congregation there was passing through trial; he did much to encourage and establish them, and his short time of labor there is still precious to not a few, who began to look to him as their future pastor; but severe illness again laid him aside.

In the fall of that year, and winter of 1863, he was invited to take part in a more private way, associated with the Pastor of the Congregation at Cumberland, in the increased duties connected with a time of religious awakening and revival. This freed him from public responsibility which always told on him; but his own deep experience and clear views of the way of life, and his gentle way of dealing with the anxious, rendered him of great service in prayer meetings and private dealing. In after years he often referred to these months of blessing; and, as the writer has just spent two weeks on that same field, he may say, that the name of Mr. Mackey is fondly cherished, and many of his counsels still remembered.

It was in the summer of this year, at Ottawa, on the fifth day of August, after the usual trials, Mr. Mackey was licensed by the Presbytery of Ottawa. His mind was often exercised as to his call to the work of the ministry, doubts that arose sometimes from the state of his body, and its reaction on the mind. Being with him the night and morning previous to his trial exercises, we shall not easily forget his state of mind in the more immediate and public consecration of himself to the work of Christ. In the winter of 1864 there were addressed to him two calls; one from Brooklyn and Columbus, and one from Whitby. Anxious to enter fully into the work, yet fearing the result on his strength, he sought the best medical advice, and was dissuaded from entering on the work. This he felt keenly, and was much disheartened. Rallying somewhat during the following summer, he was invited to act as helper to the Rev. D. H. McVicar, then Pastor of Cote Street, Montreal. His acceptability in this sphere of labor, no terms can too highly eulogize. While here, his mind became occupied with the possibility of entering the Mission field in a warmer climate—South America or the South Sea Islands; but fluctuating between hope and discouragement, his voice often failing him, he finally settled down by taking charge of the Grammar School in Kemptville, and as our congregation there was vacant, he accepted appointments from the Presbytery of Brockville to preach once in two Sabbaths. This, in addition to his other duties, proved too much, and in August of 1867, he was obliged to resign the School and return home. This proved to be his last work. Bronchial