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THE Rev. Edward Hartley Dewart has been for many years prominently before the public, and is justly entitled, as well by his ability as by his position, to a place in these pages. Although not a native of Canada, he is a thorough Canadian by early adoption, hearty sympathy, and decided preference. For upwards of forty years he has been associated with her interests and identified with her fortunes; and for more than a quarter of a century few men have devoted themselves more actively than he to foster her rising institutions, to extend her growing influence, and to promote her lasting prosperity and success.

He was born in the County of Cavan, Ireland, in the year 1828. He is of mingled Scottish and English descent, his father's ancestors having come originally from Scotland, and his mother's from England. In 1834 he came with his parents to this country. The family settled in the County of Peterborough, Ont., where he passed his boyhood and youth. His early opportunities for obtaining an education at that time were few and unfavourable as compared with those of the present day, when first-class schools, provided with experienced and efficient teachers, may be found in all parts of the Province. This deprivation was sorely felt by him at the time; but the effects were largely counterbalanced by his incessant study of the Scriptures, and by his fondness, amounting almost to a passion, for books. From his youngest years his love of reading attracted the attention of all who knew him. He had naturally an inquiring mind, and

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