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PORTRAIT OF THE REV. A. LILLIE, D.D.

With this number we present to our Readers, the portrait of the beloved and honoured Professor of Divinity in our Canadian Congregational Theological Institute, a few particulars in whose history will be interesting to our readers.

Dr. Lillie was born in Glasgow, June 18, 1803, and when about thirteen or fourteen years of age was brought under the ministry of Dr. Wardlaw, of whose church he became a member in the spring of 1822. In November of the previous year, he had entered the University of Glasgow; and after spending two sessions there, he went to Gosport, where he pursued his theological studies under good Dr. Bogue. Choosing labour in the mission field, he sailed for India in April 1826, in the service of the London Missionary Society, accompanied by Mrs. Lillie, to whom he had been united just before. His stay in the East was very brief; his health failing, he returned to Great Britain in October of the following year. He came to Canada in May 1834, through the agency of the Rev. Dr. Wilkes, and laboured from that time till the spring of 1839 as pastor of the church at Brantford.

Towards the close of 1838 was initiated a movement which led to the formation of our Theological Institute. Mr. Ludwick Kribs, then of Guelph, was at that time put under the care of Dr. Lillie, at Brantford, for ministerial training, at the charge of the Colonial Missionary Society, on the recommendation of their Agent, the Rev. J. Roaf. In the following spring Dr. Lillie removed to Dundas, and remained about eighteen months, preaching at that place and at Hamilton, and teaching the first class of students, which had increased by one or two additions being made to it. In July 1840, he came to Toronto, where, on the 1st September following, the Institute was formally opened, and where it has continued since. The honorary degree of D. D. was conferred upon him by the University of Vermont, at Burlington, Vt., in the year 1854.

Thus, early consecrating his powers to the service of his Master in the special missionary field, and brought by the overruling providence of God to this country, he has laboured successfully, as one of the Fathers of our denomination, in planting churches of our faith and order; and more especially in presiding with dignity and efficiency over the school of the prophets, founded by the faith and sustained by the liberality and prayers of the churches in Britain and Canada. This work, the committing to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also, the words of Apostles and Prophets, lies at the foundation of our prosperity as a religious denomination. That work has been done patiently and well, and bears much