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CHANCELLOR.

We are pleased to be able to present upon this page the portrait of Chancellor Wallace, which should have accompanied the excellent pen-sketch of him by Rev. C. A. Eaton, M. A., in our last number. As a young man, a native of King's County, the head of one of our leading Baptist Universities and author of our Sacred Literature studies, his name and face should be of especial interest to every B. Y. P. U. member. We give here with a brief history of the origin, organization and development of McMaster University, which appeared in the *Baptist Union* shortly after Dr. Wallace's appointment to the chancellorship of that institution.

"It is our pleasure this week to call the attention of our readers to the noble Baptist institution at Toronto, Canada, McMaster University, to the chancellorship of which Rev. O. G. S. Wallace has recently been called. We are gratified to learn that he enters upon his work with so many reasons for encouragement.

"The history of the institution represents deep self-sacrifice by the fathers, and dates backward to the founding of the Canadian Literary Institute at Woodstock, Ontario, which began its career September 12th, 1860. The principal of the school was Rev. R. A. Fyfe, D. D., a native of what is now the Province of Quebec, a connection by marriage of the late Rev. S. F. Smith, D. D., and a friend of the great Dr. Francis Wayland. He had four assistants. On the first day of the school there were seventy-nine pupils enrolled, ten of them having the ministry in view.

"On the 5th day of the following

January the school building was burned, probably by an incendiary, whose stealthy hand was the servant of the bitter hostility felt against the Baptists throughout the whole province. The infant institute was left homeless, and, after the insurance had been paid, \$6,000 in debt. That was a dark day, but light came soon. The Woodstock people raised sufficient money at once to enable them to offer a building, rent free, for two years. The Hon. Wm. McMaster sent word that he would contri-

teachers wrought, and the school commanded the love of the people. Many are the able and devout men who received the major part of their scholastic training, and the chief inspirations of their lives, in the early school of the prophets.

"From the first Dr. Fyfe had believed that it would be wise, when the time was ripe, to remove the theological department to Toronto. This became possible when Senator William McMaster gave to the Baptists McMaster Hall and funds for an endowment of the Toronto Baptist College. Theological work was begun in McMaster Hall in 1881, the Rev. John H. Castle, D. D., being the first principal. Thereafter, until 1890, the literary work of Baptists was done at Woodstock and the theological in Toronto.

"In April, 1887, the Toronto Baptist College and Woodstock College were, by act of the Legislature of Ontario, united to form McMaster University. In November of that year the Senate and Board of Governors of the University entered upon their duties. Two months earlier, upon the death of Senator McMaster, the endowment had been increased by nearly a million dollars. A few months later a building for Moulton Ladies' College was donated to the Board by the widow of Senator

McMaster. In 1888 the Woodstock College was changed into a school for young men only, and Moulton College was opened for young women. In 1890 art work was begun at McMaster Hall.

"At present, therefore, the University includes four departments: Woodstock College, a high grade Academy, with a superior equipment, and accommodations for between two and three hundred students, J. I. Bates, Ph. M., Principal; Moulton College, one of the best ladies' schools in Canada, Adelaide



bute \$4,000 toward a new building. Dr. Fyfe was authorized to appeal to the Baptists of the country for \$20,000. In fourteen weeks \$21,000 was pledged. Four thousand dollars was raised by a Madison University student, whose love for Canada led him to leave his studies that he might aid his own people in their extremity. Americans, and especially Philadelphians, came to know this student in subsequent years as the Rev. John Peddie, D. D.

"Literary and theological work was done at Woodstock. Able