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OUR PROFESSORS, II.

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"Auld Reekie," the illustrious and historic capital of Scotland, has the honour of being his birth-place. There in the midst of scenes whose memories stretch back into the misty mid-region 'twixt fact and fable, he first drew breath in 1840 in an atmosphere ever redolent of letters. These were prophetic emblems of his future course. It is impossible now to say how great an influence Edin's classic scenes and silent voices of the past might have exercised upon the imaginative and poetic side of his nature, for he was soon removed from the "Athens of the West," to the murky, brickbuilt metropolis of England, and there in the Roxburgh Proprietary School, London, was spent the early part of the happy, heedless days of boyhood. His later years of school life were spent upon the Continent of Europe under private tuition.

Was not such a training fit cradle in which to nurse that catholicity of view, and broad, generous sympathy, which are so characteristic of the man?

Thus equipped with all the lore of the Old World, he seeks an outlet for his energies in the New. Westward Ho! The land of the setting sun extends a hearty welcome, and New York enrolls him among her business men. But soon it, also, is bid adieu, and fair Canada receives another worthy son and an increase to the business staff of Toronto.

In 1860, at the age of 21, he entered the University of Toronto, taking prizes and scholarships, each year, in modern languages, natural science metaphysics, history, English prose and poetry, etc., etc., graduating in 1865 with two gold medals (modern languages with history, mental and moral science, and civil polity) and the Prince's prize for highest general standing. He was elected president of the three University Societies, the Philosophical, Natural Science and Literary. During the last illness of Professor Hincks, he lectured to his classes in natural science, and made discoveries in Canadian botany. He laboured also in the sphere of general literature, having prepared three of the Canadian series of Readers for the schools of Ontario. Nor were his labours wholly literary, but also religious and

patriotic; he was instrumental in founding the Young Men's Christian Association of Toronto, and engaged in mission work among the lumbermen and sailors, and when in the summer of 1869, the tenian farce—the great practical joke of the 19th century—was perpetrated, the University Rifles, under the leadership of our Professor, castigated the Yankee Irish Papists at Ridgway. His theological studies were prosecuted first for two years in Knox College, Toronto, where he took the Prince of Wales' prize, and then in the Free Church College, Edinburgh, under Professors Bannerman and Rainy, Dr. Candlish being Principal, graduating there in 1868. After a short visit to the Continent, he settled in Charles Street Church, Toronto, of which he continued pastor until 1872. Elected Examiner in Toronto University in history, English, and metaphysics in 1869, and appointed member of Senate, first by the Lieutenant-Governor and afterwards by the graduates in convocation, appointed lecturer in Church history in Knox College in 1871-2, and also in the Presbyterian College, Montreal in 1872-3, and editor of the *Record of the Canada Presbyterian Church* for the same years, nominated in the General Assembly of '73 as Professor for both Knox and Montreal Colleges, and accepted the latter. Since then, his truly Christian influence has not only been felt by all who have been privileged to study under him, but also felt and acknowledged in a much wider sphere by the great world of letters. Having been appointed Délégué Général of the Institution Ethnographique of Paris; Honourary Local Secretary of the Victoria Institute of London; Corresponding Member of the Société Américain de France, and the State Historical Society of Wisconsin; Member of the Canadian Institute, Toronto Natural History Society, and Mediæval Society of Biblical Archeology, London, etc. This year, in recognition of his invaluable services in the philological and historical sides of the science of ethnography, the Société Ethnographique of Paris have decreed him its gold medal.

With such qualities of head and heart, in a position so favourable for their influential exercise, we earnestly pray that by the blessing of God they may be made yet more in the future than even in the past, increasingly powerful in their moulding effect upon the students, and in their enlightening influence upon the Church and the world.

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