

period of his active ministry in Scotland, between the years 1830 and 1848, was of such a stirring character, both in Church and state affairs, that a mind of his calibre could not but be quickened and energized for whatever work might subsequently call him into its sphere. He made full proof of his ministry in the quiet rural parish of Torphichen, and also in the bustling city of Glasgow, where he built up St. Stephen, ere he came to our shores to help to invigorate and direct the young life of our Church and country. Few men had a better conception than he had of the wants of this new country; and few more conscientiously devoted themselves to aid in supplying them. The writer has often heard him bewail the idea, then prevalent in the old land, and to some extent we have reason to believe still existent, that any kind of men would do as ministers for Canada, provided they were not utterly graceless. He felt that the very *best* should come here, and that they should bend their energies largely towards inducing the best of our young men to undergo a thorough course of training for the work of the ministry. To the accomplishment of this purpose he most freely laid his life on the altar of his Church's educational temple. With singleness of aim he devoted all his powers to furnish her ministry with men who might show themselves worthy of their opportunities and qualified to lead her people in their social and religious life to constantly higher attainments.

Physically he was a striking figure—not because of gigantic size or strength, but as a lithe, well-knit, erect and symmetrical human form. He was below the average in stature, but he bore himself with such easy grace and dignity that no sense of smallness could ever enter one's view or thought of his personal appearance. His head was large and shapely, his forehead massive, his eyes, grey, and keen as an eagle's, were surmounted with lashes and brows that seemed to make them peer out of great depths, his nose strong and straight, his lips somewhat thin and compressed, his jaw strong, but not heavy, and his whole countenance beaming with intelligence, humor and benevolence. His form and appearance, at first sight, impressed itself on those who met him.

Intellectually he was also a well-built man—lacking, to some extent, in the imaginative faculty, and not readily im-