

ter in the English department, and at the beginning of the following session classical tutor. Thus he was enabled to continue his college course without any interruption and to graduate in the spring of 1848.

When William Ormiston was at college his mother was very much concerned about him. She, like many a wise Scotch mother, had destined him to serve both God and man in the Church. He apparently was fitting himself for a different sphere; therefore she gave him no peace till he entered on the study of theology two years prior to his taking his degree of B.A. His theological studies were conducted under the care of the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Toronto, of which the late Rev. Dr. Jennings was a member. The late Rev. Dr. Taylor was at the head of the school of theology of the United Presbyterian Church at that time. Thus it happened that he was licensed to preach the same year he got his degree. His first church was Newtonville, twenty miles from Cobourg, and the same year he accepted a professorship offered to him in Victoria College. The professorship he resigned in one year and was settled in the congregation of Newtonville in 1849, on the promised stipend of \$300.00 a year.

In 1853 the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, who had been appointed Chief Superintendent of Education a few years previously, prevailed on him to accept a mastership in the Provincial Normal School, Toronto. His special duties were to teach mathematics and natural science. He held the mastership during four years, and in these years lectured in almost every town and village in Upper Canada on temperance and kindred moral subjects. From 1855 for several years he was inspector of grammar schools, likewise he was active as an examiner in the University of Toronto and Knox College. The time of his connection with the

Normal School and the work which came to him when so engaged, he regarded as one of the most fruitful and influential in his life.

In 1857 he accepted the pastorate of a new church (the largest in Canada at that time) in Hamilton, and remained there till 1870, when he accepted a call to be one of the ministers of the Collegiate Reformed Church of New York City. Thus, it came to pass, that in the city of New York three able and notable sons of Great Britain and Ireland were engaged in proclaiming the hopes and peace of the everlasting Gospel by faith in the Lord Jesus, Dr. John Hall, Dr. W. M. Taylor and Dr. Ormiston, a mighty triumvirate. Dr. Ormiston continued to be a minister of the church in New York till July, 1888. He had been afflicted for years by most obstinate and inveterate insomnia, which was caused by his incessant labor when he was at college. Many a time he had to do so much work that only three hours in the twenty-four could be given to sleep. The revenge came when he could give more hours to natural sleep, but sleep would not, could not, be *wooded*. Almost immediately after his resignation was accepted by the congregation in New York City he went to Southern California, where, either at Pasadena or on his ranch, near Azusa, some ten miles from that city, he resided until the final came. His sojourn in California gave him much relief, so that, for several years, to his great satisfaction, he was able to preach. During these years he made annual visits to the east and greatly enjoyed seeing his friends in Canada and New York.

Such in brief are the main facts in the life of a man who was useful, influential and highly esteemed in Canada and the United States of America. Strongly attached to his native Scotland: a British subject he was born and a British subject he died. At the