

In the autumn of 1873 he returned to Woodstock for Theology, and took the full three years' course under Drs. Fyfe and Crawford, and Professor Yule.

In February, 1874, he received "a letter of recommendation to the work of the Gospel ministry" from the Woodstock Church, whose pastor, now our Dr. Goodspeed, by the doctrinal soundness and rich spirituality of his preaching, did much to shape both his thought and spirit. The two vacations, if I mistake not, were spent in Clarence and Haldimand.

During these years of training his natural ability and force, had been so clearly manifesting themselves that he became an acknowledged leader among the students and was regarded by Dr. Fyfe as one of the three best and ablest men that had passed through his hands, D. A. McGregor, and John Torrance, afterwards professors in Toronto Baptist College, being the other two. So that when he graduated in 1876, he went forth to his life work with the affection and confidence of both students and Faculty, and with the liveliest sense of his own indebtedness to his *Alma Mater*. In affection for his old comrades and grateful appreciation of his teachers, none was more whole-hearted and unwavering than he.

As I close this hurried account of his college days, I cannot refrain from mentioning a statement which he made to me last summer about his brother Mark, who is a modest member of Immanuel Church. It was this: that if he had been enabled to render any worthy service, it was due in no small measure to the beautiful unselfishness of that brother, as he stood by him during the eleven years of college preparation. Thank God for the obscure men and women who make possible the achievements of their loved ones. Verily they shall have their reward.

He was immediately invited to the pastorate of the Denfield Church, accepted, was ordained, "and then," to quote his own words, "spent the following six years actively engaged in congenial work among a loving people." During these six years he read and studied, thought and wrote, preached strong sermons, shepherded the flock with fidelity, and steadily grew. The thorough work then quietly done helped to fit him for the