

worth of Professor Scrimger, by giving him a position of such trust, but it remained for a sister College to honor itself by placing his name on the roll of its graduates, and so reward him with its honorary degree. We hail this as a sign of the times, testifying that the different branches of the Church are being more closely united, and are pleased to notice progress in other denominations. It was a graceful act of the Wesleyan College, and will be another link in the chain which is binding the two leading denominations of our country in closer fellowship.

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By the addition of Professor **Prof. Ross** to the teaching staff of this College, a great burden has been lifted off the shoulders of two of our Professors, and the College has been raised to a higher state of efficiency. Great and numerous are the disadvantages of crowding a multiplicity of subjects on one teacher in an institution like our own. When a professor's time is wholly occupied with the duties of his office, he is unable to cultivate himself adequately by careful study of the church's literature of the past and present; and no church has condemned its servants by overwork to comparative obscurity in literary and theological pursuits without ultimately suffering from a dearth of learned and powerful exponents of its doctrine and polity.

An age of such restless activity as our own demands specialists. A theological

professor requires, not only to have a general knowledge of his subjects but to concentrate thereon all his mental and spiritual powers, to make by independent thought the results of his investigations his own property, to infuse into his teaching the magic of his personality, that with the principles enunciated, the student may learn their application to his work. Because students do not come to college to learn what might be acquired as well from books, but to be brought into direct personal contact with the church's leaders of thought and action, and to have their powers and characters moulded by great minds and holy lives.

The founding of this new chair in our college, is a great step toward this happy consummation. The subjects taught by Professor Ross now extend through the three years of our course of study instead of being crowded into the first two. Homiletics and Church Government are taught the first year. Sacred Rhetoric in the second and Pastoral Theology in the third. Professor Ross has thus the more practical side of the future preacher's training to attend to, and as may be judged from his past career, he is eminently qualified to take these subjects out of the hands of Principal MacVicar and Professor Scrimger, whose teaching in these departments in the past has stamped itself upon the preaching of every student of our college.

A native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, Professor Ross came to Canada in 1869. After teaching for some years in Ontario he matriculated into Queen's University.