

his health he went to Woodstock, and spent three years in the study of theology. Leaving Woodstock, he accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church at Eaton, in the Eastern Townships, where he labored successfully, beloved by all, for nearly four years. In August, 1880, he was united in marriage to Miss Cecilia Dockstader Burwash, who was throughout the remainder of his life a thoroughly devoted helpmeet in every way. She entered heartily into all his plans, and much of his success as a student and missionary is due to her inspiration and example.

While laboring at Eaton, he felt the need of a better training for his work. Hence he resigned the oversight of the church to attend Toronto University. Here he took the full Arts course, taking honors in Mental and Moral Philosophy, and two prizes and a scholarship in Oriental Languages. While prosecuting his studies at the University, and afterwards, he served the Dominionville church, as pastor, for about four years. It was indeed a period of great blessing to this church and to the cause at Maxwell. There was a revival of spiritual life, and a marked growth in the knowledge of the Scriptures, followed by a greater consecration to Christ, and more loyalty to the truth. He left Dominionville, at the earnest solicitation of friends in Quebec, to accept the pastorate of the newly reorganized and struggling cause in the city of Sherbrooke. He labored there for nearly four years, endearing himself to all associated with him in Christian work.

It was largely through the instrumentality of Dr. Fulton, who was at that time pastor of Grace Church in Montreal, that Mr. Burwash left Sherbrooke to give himself fully to missionary work among the benighted Romanists in the Province of Quebec, thousands of whom were as ignorant of the way of salvation as the heathen in India. Prior to this he used to give what time he could spare from the regular work of the pastorate of an English speaking church, to evangelistic efforts among the French on the fields upon which he labored. He now felt that the call had come to him to give up the regular work of the pastorate and enter fully into pioneer missionary effort among the Roman Catholics of Eastern Ontario and Quebec. He at once obeyed the call, and gave himself unreservedly to this important and difficult undertaking, in which he was marvelously successful.