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THE McMASTER UNIVERSITY MONTHLY has from its inception been printed by the firm of Dudley & Burns; it is therefore fitting that a sketch of Mr. Burns' life should appear in its pages. The conductors of THE MONTHLY felt that in him they had not only a man who carefully performed his part of the business, but they learned to esteem him as a friend. The firm of Dudley & Burns has been intimately identified with Baptist literature; at one time they printed the *Canadian Baptist* and for years have printed the *Link*, the organ of the Women's Foreign Mission Society.

Mr. Burns was a modest, unassuming man. He lived an ordinary life, such as most of us live; but he faithfully performed his every day duties. He was born July 30th 1832, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. His father was a soldier and his regiment happened to be stationed there at the time. In 1838 he came with his parents to Toronto, where the rest of his life was spent. He received his education at the Central School, which was on the corner of Adelaide and Nelson streets, the latter of which is now called Jarvis street.

At the age of fifteen he left school and was apprenticed to learn the trade of printer. He served his five years' term in the office of the *Patriot* newspaper. This paper was afterwards united with *The Colonist*. Mr. Burns continued on the staff and there formed the acquaintance of Mr. James Dudley, who afterwards became his partner.

He worked in this office for several years, and during this