

preached an educational sermon before the Convention of Ontario and Quebec on the occasion when the undertaking of new educational enterprises was being pressed for consideration. The text was Romans 14 : 8 and 9 ; the theme, "The Lordship of Christ in the higher education." The sermon was described as a masterful effort and served in a marked way to mould the sentiment of the denomination. During the discussion which followed, Mr. Trotter took a decisive step by offering the following motion : "Resolved that the Convention affirm its judgment that McMaster University should be organized and developed as an independent school of learning." At a subsequent session, the resolution was enthusiastically adopted with the simple addition of one word.

In 1888, the severe strain of pastoral and denominational duties rendered a rest of nearly a year necessary. At the close of this short period of recuperation, he became pastor of Bloor Street Church, Toronto. After a very brief season in this relation, a pressing invitation to become professor of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology in McMaster University was accepted and thus ties again were severed. We quote again from the words of ex-Chancellor Rand in the article to which reference was made above : "The carrying out of this decision was a severe strain on Bloor Street Church into whose affections his life had entered with exceptional fervor and strength. I need not speak of his careful and laborious discharge of the duties of his professoriate. Students and Professors felt the fine enthusiasm which clothed him as with a garment. A good scholar, a good teacher, a good preacher, a good man ! He is all these. He has head power, heart power, soul power. Life lives in him, and has its richest expression in a warm and biblical preaching, luminous with the gospel of the Son of Man who is the Son of God. He is a safe and wise man, quick with interpretive sympathy, loyal and true, incapable of betraying a trust, and delighting in open and manly thinking and living. As the recent head of the University, it may be permitted to me to say that no member of the Faculty responded more quickly and continuously to considerations involving the welfare of every side and phase of our complex organism than did Mr. Trotter. Nor was he quicker to perceive than willing to do."

Professor Trotter occupied the Theological chair for five years, until, in view of his strong attachment to the work of the ministry, and the urgent solicitations of the Wolfville Church, he was led to accept the call to our University town and to become pastor of the Baptist Church in this place. One thoroughly qualified to speak has well said that his retirement was a great loss to McMaster but a great gain to Wolfville and Acadia.

To the excellence of the services rendered by Professor Trotter, the McMaster Faculty gave emphatic testimony in the words of the