

pious notes remain among his papers of an excursion into the Highlands in the autumn of 1853. Accompanied by a friend now laboring as a missionary in India, he started on foot up Dee side, climbed Ben Mac Dhui, forded the Spey, and journeyed on till the two arrived in Inverness. There they were joined by another friend, now a minister in Canada, and a lengthened tour was made among the wildest districts of Ross, Inverness and Argyle. The following notes refer to the ascent of Ben Nevis; "August 17th.—The weather in a very unsettled state, the mist hanging heavy and thick upon the hills and scarce a breath of wind astir. After breakfast I wandered out, having no intention to go far, and came to the Fort, then to the burying ground and afterwards to the banks of the Nevis. I was now in a beautiful glen, the mountains rising almost perpendicularly from the water side to the height of some thousand feet. I wandered on in the rain which now began to fall . . . The sun began to peep forth, and the afternoon began to put on a settled appearance. Now was the time methought to scale Ben Nevis and see from its summit the sun setting. I formed the resolution to go up, and having singled out the part of the hill up which I meant to climb, I rolled up my trowsers and walked through the water. The first part of the ascent was easy, but I was not far up till it became so steep that I was obliged to creep on my hands and feet. The contour of the mountain being unknown to me, I expected that every shoulder I saw above was the top of the mountain. I continued climbing for two hours without once halting. At length I reached a shoulder where I obtained one of the most gloomy pictures and terrible prospects that ever darkened the mind of Milton. I hastened on, and came in sight of a large loch, and then an immense moor opened up before me. Here my heart almost failed for I feared that night or the mist would overtake me, but seeing a stream, I followed its course, hoping that its noise would give me warning of any steep place. I now ran whenever the ground was favorable, and hastened on with what force I could. I soon came in sight of a country that was known to me. I arrived at the inn at Fort William about nine clock very very wet, but not excessively fatigued."

He passed through his literary studies with distinction, especially in the departments of mental and moral philosophy, and entered on the study of divinity in the New College, in 1852. Almost immediately after he was licensed he received the appointment of chaplain to the 26th or Cameronian regiment, then stationed in Bermuda. The climate of these islands told badly on a constitution already undermined by irregular hours and hard study. After three years service, he resigned the chaplaincy and came to Canada, in the hope that the cold and bracing air of our long winters, might help to re-establish his failing health. On his leaving the regiment, the men and officers united in making him a handsome present of books accompanied with an address, which shows how thoroughly he had won the confidence and esteem of the soldiers during his ministry among them.

His disease was seated too deeply in the system to be much affected by the change of climate. For some years he laboured as a probationer, in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church, esteemed by all that knew him, as an able and conscientious preacher.

In 1861 he was settled as minister, over the congregation at St. Vincent, Sydenham, and Euphrasia, in the Presbytery of Grey. He entered on his work in that district with cheerfulness and hope. The district is high, overlooking Lake Huron, and seemed favorable for alleviating his complaint, which consisted very much in asthma and lung disease. The people, more than usually intelligent, appreciated his clear, close thinking, and simple eloquence; they sympathised with him in his physical weakness; they esteemed the stern conscientiousness with which he discharged, amid all weathers, the duties of an extensive parish; and to very last they treated him with kindness and consideration.