

make public addresses on religious subjects. In September 1814, being then eighteen years of age, he entered Stepney, now known as Regent's Park, College. After the completion of his studies there, he was ordained as pastor of the Dean Street Baptist Church, in London, May 7, 1818. He subsequently returned to his native place and was associated with his father in pastoral labors for thirteen years. In 1840 he became pastor of a church in Hastings, Sussex, being then in the maturity of his strength and displaying marked abilities as a preacher. A large amount of valuable work in the department of authorship had been accomplished by him before this time of his life. In 1844 an invitation was given him to accept the Presidency of the Baptist College in Montreal, from which the Rev. Dr. Davies had been called the year before to the Presidency of Stepney College. For several years Dr. Cramp discharged the duties of this new position in an efficient and honorable manner, laboring in the midst of adverse circumstances to make the College permanently successful. After a time, the financial difficulties seeming to be insuperable, he withdrew and in February of 1851 he accepted an invitation to the Presidency of Acadia College. In his letter of acceptance he says: "Henceforth I devote myself to the cause of education and religion in Nova Scotia, especially in connection with Acadia College." To his fidelity to this devotion, the succeeding years bore ample testimony. His laborious and useful services in this College continued till June, 1869. After his retirement from official responsibilities and service in connection with the College, he continued to reside in Wolfville, in the midst of familiar scenes and surrounded by friends, occupied as his strength would permit in literary pursuits, and watching with hearty interest the events of the passing days to note the effect they might have on the moral and religious condition of men, until his peaceful departure from this life on the sixth of December, 1881, in the 86th year of his age. Thus briefly are the more noticeable events of a long and useful life related.

But it is hardly necessary to remark that the life of a true man is not measured or described by such a recital of facts. It is a development, a growth, marked by its own principles, and deserving of commendation according to the nature of those principles.

It will be my purpose to lead you to consider somewhat the spirit and meaning of this long and active life, endeavoring at the