

balanced in judgment and resolute in action; to be definite in purpose, steadfast and faithful in duty; to minister to men without fearing them; and to serve God and trust Him. And one who unfortunately cannot be numbered among them may be permitted to say that a wide acquaintance with the character and work of these men has made him feel increasingly thankful to God for His great kindness in giving us Dr. Fyfe to mould our denominational life. No student in all that worthy list drank in more deeply of all that was best in the great man's spirit than E. W. Dadson. His early love of merriment happily clung to him; he was a general favorite, trusted for his fairness and loved for his good-fellowship; his conduct was not always ideal, but he abhorred sham, was never mean, and helped along the cause of honor and manliness in the school. On the campus he was among the first, and, when more serious business was on, as it sometimes was between town roughs and the college, his skill in boxing made him easily first. He achieved no special eminence in the regular class work, but he was an omnivorous reader; nor did he as a public speaker make any special mark, though he early won recognition as an easy and forceful writer. It was only in the final year of his academic course that he confessed Christ. That took place one evening in his own room, as he and his room-mate, Alexander Turnbull, knelt together in prayer. He himself dated his conversion from that moment, though his brother believes that that all-important event took place eight years before. He was baptized by Rev. John Bates, of whose character and ministry he always spoke with most grateful appreciation.

In 1869, he entered Toronto University, from which he received his B.A. degree in 1873. It was his good fortune there to come under the inspiring teaching of the great Professor Young, for whom he cherished profound respect. It was during his University course that God turned his thoughts toward the ministry, and, hearing the summons, he gave himself soberly and unreservedly to that high calling. Forthwith definite Christian work was undertaken. He began by teaching in the York Mills Sunday School. The summers of 1872 and 1873 were spent in Buckhorn (now Cedar Springs, near Blenheim) and at the Ottawa mission.