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We of the British Commonwealth of Nations are also proud to remember~~s~~ that we gave to Princeton, to your country and to mine, at least one illustrious champion of free institutions and defender of the Christian faith, Dr. Francis Patton. In the years which immediately followed the civil war, when the institutions of learning in the south had not re-opened their doors, Dr. Patton was among a number of earnest young scholars who came to the University of Toronto to pursue his studies. Perhaps I may be forgiven a personal expression of pardonable pride if I mention on this occasion that no friend of my own father's was closer to him than Dr. Patton. ~~It was~~ ^{was} during part of their university days they were close companions and shared the same rooms. The name of Dr. Patton and his ^{meaning} friendship came, with the passing of the years, to be honoured and revered by my father's children, no less than by himself.