

SKETCH OF REV. DR. FLETCHER'S CAREER.

Rev. Donald Hugh Fletcher, D. D., was born in Islay, Scotland, in 1833. He is the third son of the late Hugh Fletcher, of Kappols, whose Huguenot ancestors emigrated from France to Great Britain about the time of the revocation of the edict of Nantes. His early education was received at the parish school at Kilmeny. He afterward pursued his studies at a private academy and at the high school in Glasgow.

While a mere youth he taught for some time with success in the parliamentary school at Mulindry, in his native land, and he came to Canada when in his 18th year. After teaching school for some time in the County of Peel he attended Toronto University, and took a theological course at Knox College, graduating in April, 1860. In the following September he was licensed by the Hamilton Presbytery to preach the Gospel.

Immediately afterward he received calls from several vacant pastoral charges and he accepted a unanimous call from Knox Church, Scarboro, succeeding Rev. Dr. Laing, now of Dundas, who had gone to Cobourg. He was inducted at Scarboro on November 8, 1860. In addition to his pastoral duties there, Rev. Dr. Fletcher was local superintendent of education, and he took a lively interest in educational matters.

In February, 1872, he accepted a unanimous call to the pastorate of McNab Street Presbyterian Church, succeeding Rev. Dr. David Inglis, who had accepted a professorship in Knox College. He was inducted into his present charge on May 1, 1872.

He took a long trip in Europe and Asia in 1881, and in May, 1882, he was married to Miss Phyllis Eleanor Murray, youngest daughter of the late Peter Murray, of Athol Bank. They have two children.

Dr. Fletcher was elected Moderator of the Synod of Hamilton and London in 1884, and he discharged the duties of the high office with entire satisfaction to the members of the Synod.

That the high regard in which Dr. Fletcher is held is not confined to his own congregation is evidenced by the editorial comments of the city press, which follow: