

have heard him speak with animation of his work in science. That he was regarded as one of the best students of those days is attested by the fact that he was afterwards, for many years, one of the examiners of the graduating classes.

As already intimated he preached a great deal during his residence in Woodstock. He supplied regularly for some months at Burlington, also for the Woodstock church, and occasionally for the brethren in Mount Elgin. The esteem in which he was held by the latter may be gathered from the fact that, on one occasion, Mr. E. A. Bodwell, a large-hearted brother and enthusiastic admirer of Mr. Torrance, hearing of his circumstances at college, hitched up his sleigh, and making the tour of the members, secured a big load of provisions which he drove to Woodstock and presented to Mr. Torrance as an expression of good will from himself and his brethren.

At last, however, Mr. Torrance felt that circumstances would not permit him to continue his studies any further for the present. He accepted a call to become the pastor of the Mount Elgin church, and entered upon his duties on the 7th of August, 1864. The installation services took place on the following Wednesday. Dr. Fyfe preached the sermon, Elder Thos. Baldwin giving the charge to the young pastor, and Elder Topping that to the church. Three years of happy relations between pastor and people now followed. Elder Torrance's genial disposition, his kindness to all, and especially his deep interest in the young people made him a general favorite. His exposition of Scripture on the Sabbath-day, and his earnest, heart-searching appeals to the unconverted could not fail to do good. The members of the church were stirred up to new spiritual life and more earnest study of God's word, and many souls were brought to the knowledge of the truth.

In the summer of 1867, Mr. Torrance tendered his resignation of this charge, much to the regret, not only of the members of the church but of the people generally, from whom, after his settlement on his next field of labor, he received many expressions of esteem and confidence. He now spent a few months in collecting funds for the Institute at Woodstock, travelling on this mission over a great part of Western Ontario, and making the acquaintance of numerous churches and pastors.