

chaste expressions of affection for his wife and children, which are contained in his letters published in his memoir. And as he loved so he was beloved. His children's happiest hours were those spent in their father's company, and his broken-hearted widow had no desire to live after he was gone, and soon followed him into the presence of that King all glorious of whom he loved so well to think and to speak, and of whom he sang with such rare poetic genius.

I must not delay to speak of the signal service he rendered the denomination while Home Mission Secretary. During his pastorate in Stratford and for two years while teaching in the College, he filled this position. With great wisdom, faithfulness, and patience, he gave himself unstintingly to this important work. No church was too small, no pastor too obscure, to demand the best that was in him. And many an hour when he should have been renewing his exhausted energies in much needed sleep he spent in writing letters or in taking journeys to advise, encourage or admonish. Nor may I tell of his influence in our associations and conventions and through the *Canadian Baptist*.

McGregor was a large man indeed. How rapidly he grew, and how earnestly and wisely he wrought, may be inferred when we remember that it was only nine years from his graduation from the University till his death, and in this time, with the full consent of all, he had gained the position of head of the denomination.

But I feel that I am not presenting as I would the worth and work of this truly noble man. In every relationship of life he seems to me to have reached almost, if not altogether, the ideal. As husband, father, brother, friend, as companion and counsellor, as pastor, preacher, or professor; in logical argument or in playful humor, in force and beauty of expression, whether by speech or pen, he was surpassed by none. Had he an equal? It is disparaging none, and doing him mere justice, to say that among us all, his contemporaries, in every position and relationship he was *first*.

"Beyond my praise to-day,

He spurs me yet with his remembered name.

"Captain and Saviour of the host

Of Christian Chivalry !