

Something should be said about the formative influences of those early years. His school education, though confined to four years, was thorough as far as it went. The experiences that followed furnished training of a different sort, but useful for the man who must confront the varied demands of the pastorate. He was greatly blessed in having a truly Christian home and such helpful church influences as surrounded him in Bond St. (now Jarvis St.) under Pastors Pyper, Fyfe and Caldecott. Naturally enough he came under Dr. Fyfe's influence in a very special way in the *Canadian Baptist* office. During the first year of Dr. Caldecott's pastorate, a remarkable work of grace broke out in Bond St. About fifty professed conversion; among them, the subject of this sketch. A member of the committee, however, deterred by his jovial way, recommended delay in receiving him. His brother Mark declares that from that time there was a marked change in his manner and in his attitude to all religious matters, though eight years passed before he again made any profession.

In Guelph, in God's good providence, he came under the inspiring influence and wise counsel of Pastor Graftey, who gathered him and others into evening classes, and thus set them in the way of higher things. It is a striking fact that one of the men whom Pastor Graftey, in the West, was instrumental in turning toward study and college should, in his last pastorate, in the East, have ministered to Bro. Graftey's son, one of the deacons in the Olivet Church.

In 1865, Bro. Dadson entered the Canadian Literary Institute, where he spent the next four years. The spirit of the school was summed up in its distinguished Principal, Dr. Fyfe, who himself was a marvellous combination of gentleness and strength, righteousness and goodness, scholarship and statesmanship, power to plan and power to execute, the teacher and the preacher, the humble believer and the fearless champion of the truth of the gospel. Dr. Fyfe did many a valuable service to the cause of Christ, but the greatest service he rendered was in putting upon his students the impress of his own splendid personality and lofty character. He taught them to love truth and scorn a lie; to work righteousness and hate iniquity; to be