

helpful sympathy. No pastor of Woodstock church was ever more beloved, or loved his people more. It was never my privilege to sit under a pastor whose ministrations I more highly prized. I was much impressed with his unflinching exegetical instinct which enabled him to discover the truth of the Divine Word; while his warm spirit and fine imagination ministered that truth convincingly to the hearts of his hearers. Prayer, song, the reading of the Scriptures are meaningful and vital to him. In his relations to men the progress of moral and social reforms are of concern, but he regards them chiefly as the kindly fruitage of the publication of the gospel, essential alike to the time-life and the life eternal. He is ever ready to bear his part in all forms of coöperative service to these high ends.

As was well known to many at the time, I accepted the Principalship of Woodstock College solely because I deemed it possible that by so doing a way might in God's providence be opened by which the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec might become permanently possessed of a Christian college, and ultimately, as I ventured to hope, of a Christian University. The precedent conditions which I secured in this behalf, and which involved a charter revision, found a lodgment in none of the hearts of our Baptist ministers so quickly, or took such depth of root, as in that of Thomas Trotter's. The significance of a positively Christian University, with the Bible as an open text in every course of study, struck home to his heart. While some worthy brethren were unable to see what the denomination had to do with providing the higher education, and others characterized the proposed Christian University under Baptist control, as "a sort of Sunday-school University," which could not command the confidence either of students or of the public, Mr. Trotter coöperated, in all ways, and on all occasions, with those who were laboring to shape results to the gracious ends which have now been achieved.

In October, 1887, within less than a month after the sudden removal by death of Senator McMaster, the annual meeting of the Convention took place in Toronto. The Charter Committee made a full report of its efforts, and presented to the Convention the charter of McMaster University, as it had passed the Legislative Assembly. The Will of Senator McMaster was also laid