

himself during his course in theology by teaching in a private school and taking private pupils; and the overwork thus made necessary very much impaired his physical strength.

His first church was the one at Kingston, of which he was pastor from 1844 to 1852. He was satisfied to settle on a much smaller salary than our young men of to-day, for this church in those early days gave only \$300 a year and furnished no parsonage. Yet in 1846, he married Miss Ruth Baines who still survives him, and whose sister, Grace, was well known as the wife of the Hon. Dr. John Rolph, founder of the Victoria School of Medicine, Toronto. Mr. Lorimer was highly esteemed by his church in Kingston, where many still remember his able and consecrated ministry.

In 1852 he was called to the church at Seaconk, near Boston, where he remained for a year and a half. It was during his pastorate in this place that he was offered the position of Librarian of the University of Toronto, an office for which he was eminently fitted, not only on account of his love of books and his extended scholarship, but also by reason of that system and order which characterized his every undertaking. This position he held about fourteen years, and here he could hold happy converse with those books which were the delight of his heart. It was while he was occupied in this office, that the writer first became acquainted with him and learned to value his friendship, and his wonderful knowledge of books, which made him the constant reference of the diligent student. He knew every book in that vast library and just where to lay his hand upon it. Frequently Dr. McCaul would send up a Latin quotation saying he had forgotten the author, and would the Librarian please send him the book, and Mr. Lorimer was always equal to the occasion. His indefatigable labors in cataloguing and classifying that immense library were represented by the ponderous volumes compiled by him, which lay on the tables of the reading-rooms until destroyed by that unfortunate University fire.

It was not in his nature to refrain from intellectual or religious work, and we find that during his years at the University Library, he was constant in the Master's service, either preaching the Gospel, or writing for the press, according to opportunity, and usually refused any money consideration, though it was