

our friend, by taking it from him. He was prevented at the close of the first session from engaging in mission work. It was the time of the Fenian raid, and he had to turn out to defend the frontier. On the field of battle he proved himself worthy of his rank as senior-sergeant of No. 6 Company of the Queen's Own. His brother, lieutenant of the same company, having received a bad wound in one of the engagements, which rendered necessary his immediate removal from the field, he brought the Company out of action. Only two Companies of the regiment covered the retreat. While not particularly creditable to the forces engaged, as a whole, it was at least creditable to these two Companies. During the second summer a good deal of conscientious work was accomplished for the Master. He organized the churches at Orangeville, Mono Mills, Cedar Grove, and Stouffville.

Having attended Knox College for two years, he returned to the city of his birth, and studied one session in New College. The Principal at this time was Dr. Candlish; and, associated with him in the work of instruction, was a staff of eminent men, whose works are well known in the theological world. His course now completed, he revisited the continent, accompanied by his sister, now Mrs. Mason of Toronto, who lived with him during the previous winter in Edinburgh. Together they visited Holland, Belgium, the Rhine Countries, France, etc., opportunity being thus afforded him of meeting old friends and renewing old associations. But this season of enjoyment was followed by a most sorrowful event in the history of the family. Returning from his continental trip to Canada, he found his mother lying very low. It was her last illness. Her death was a great shock—a baptism of grief, verily, for the work of the Ministry. In the same year, 1868, he passed his trials for license, and was immediately called to be the first minister of Charles Street Church, Toronto, in connection with which he had been for many years engaged as a Sabbath school worker. The congregation, comparatively new, was composed chiefly of people of influence in the city.

Prof. Young and Dr. Reid were two of his elders. Among the members were Mr. James Brown, well-known in church courts, Judge Paterson, and Judge MacKenzie. While pastor of this Congregation a Mission Station was established in the suburbs, which still flourishes. During his incumbency he was appointed, after the death of Dr. Burns, by the Senate of Knox College, to lecture in Church History. This was the session of 1871-72. In the following session the General Assembly appointed him to lecture, the first three months in Knox, and the last three in the Presbyterian College, Montreal. As a consequence he was nominated by the Toronto Presbytery and other Presbyteries in the West for a professorship in Knox College, and by the Presbytery of Montreal and the Senate of this Institution for a professorship in this College. The Assembly having sent Professor MacLaren to Knox, he came to Montreal.