

church was to be advanced and the highest interests of the nation promoted. As already stated, he taught for a short time when he first came to Montreal. At Amherstburg he opened a school, and in that way conferred untold benefits upon the community there. At Lachine also he had a number of pupils. And when he went to Hamilton he laboured most zealously with Dr. Kay and others to give education a healthy tone and high position in the estimation of the people. Here also he gathered around him a band of devoted young men whom he sought to aid in their studies with a view to the ministry, and when the classes of Queen's College were opened in 1842 he was able to send down to that institution no fewer than six young men who, along with two who were not able to attend, had enjoyed the privilege of being taught by him. Thus it may be said Queen's College had its beginning in Hamilton under Mr. Gale. The students referred to were Angus McColl, now the venerable minister of Chatham; L. McPherson, now superannuated; Robert Wallace, still in active duty in the West Church, Toronto; William Ball, the energetic minister of English Settlement and Prossine; Dr. George Bell, now of Queen's College, Kingston, and John McKinnon, long a devoted minister but deceased some fifteen years ago.

When Mr. Gale entered upon his duties in Knox College and the Academy he was in his proper element. One scarcely knows which to admire most, the successful management of the whole institution alike in the teaching, boarding and finance departments, or his efficiency as a teacher in the classes. He had many difficulties with which to contend, but was ably assisted by gentlemen in Toronto and elsewhere. Pupils came from Quebec in the east and from the newer west, attracted by the good

name of Mr. Gale. In the household, Mrs. Gale, presiding with ladylike dignity and motherly care, and Miss Gale, by her diligent and considerate attention to the comfort and welfare of the boarders, contributed largely to the success of the whole undertaking.

When grammar schools became more common and more efficient in Upper Canada the Academy was not required and it was discontinued, and when the classes of University College became accessible to our Presbyterian youth the literary department of Knox College was dropped, and in this way Mr. Gale's labours as a teacher ended. Still, even after he retired to Logie, he made arrangements for having a few boarders to teach. On the whole, it is not too much to say that as an educationist, practically and theoretically, Mr. Gale contributed very largely to the work of education in the Province.

As a minister, Mr. Gale was distinguished by the faithful discharge of pastoral duty, attention to the young of his charge, and efficient organization of the congregation. He was also a wise and kind counsellor to all who sought his advice. He was a quiet preacher but eminently edifying and searching. If not what is commonly known as dogmatic he always succeeded in reaching the conscience and in making God's word bear with power upon ordinary life. His voice was weak and his delivery not forcible, but his matter was always weighty, full and instructive.

But Mr. Gale was a man of business. In all social and political questions he took a decided part, and wielded no little influence. In his time not a few public questions had a religious and ecclesiastical bearing. Temperance and slavery were exciting topics, but he was not carried away by any extreme view, although he earnestly sought the removal of the terrible evils