

Their family was their joy while here, and their memorial now that they are gone. Canadian Baptists will not soon forget Principal Bates, nor the two women, who, with their husbands, first led the way into the darkness beyond; nor the cool head, the firm will, the gentle manner and the warm heart of the Chairman of the Foreign Board, and Pastor of the College St. Baptist church, Toronto.

It was a good day for Canada when the Lord sent Father Bates to her shores. It was a good day for all Baptist interests, for home missions, and for education. Who can measure the influence of such a life, such a style of preaching and teaching upon the young ministry of Woodstock College? Who can tell what his consecrated judgment, his fervid eloquence, his munificent gifts and his fervent prayer meant to our foreign missions? The influences of such lives go on widening, multiplying and intensifying through the ages. May all those who read these words become "imitators of those who, through faith and patience, inherit the promises."

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EXPOSITORY PREACHING.

Preaching is proclaiming. It is the work of the herald making public proclamation of the edict of our world's Absolute Sovereign—the First and the Last of our universe and our race—of Whom and through Whom and to Whom are all things—God over all, blessed forever.

Accepting this as the genuine character of gospel preaching, it is very plain that the herald who delivers such a proclamation in the name of the Supreme Sovereign of the universe must be conscious that he has received the royal commission to perform such duty. He must be a man specially called, sent forth and sanctioned by God. For any youth to select the gospel ministry, because he and his parents think he possesses the natural qualities adapted to the clerical profession, or because he constitutionally likes the quiet seriousness and dignity of that profession, is an *awful* mistake—is a deplorable