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We present in this number the portrait of one of the most widely known and justly esteemed Nova Scotians of the present generation. Born in the year 1824, in the city with whose educational, philanthropic, and moral interests he is so honorably identified, the learned Chancellor is in the full maturity of both physical and mental powers. The baldest epitome of his contributions to general literature and to that of his profession, taken in connection with a record of his public services and parochial labors, would sufficiently prove the singular activity and industry of his life. Toil, however, has left but little impress of itself on his erect form, and fresh, health-indicating countenance. Nothing short of eminent natural endowments, and well-disciplined faculties sustained in their action by a high moral purpose, could enable one to work so vigorously, so constantly, and withal so easily, as does the Chancellor of the University of Halifax.

After receiving the elements of a good English and classical education at the Grammar School of his native city, he was matriculated at Acadia College, Wolfville, and passed through the studies of the first and second years' courses in that institution, then just commencing its career of usefulness. Then a couple of years on a pleasant farm contributed an element of variety to his early career, and no doubt aided constitutional tendencies in laying the foundation of a life of vigorous health. Determined to the ministry of the Church of England as his profession, he entered King's College, Windsor, on an advanced standing, and, after a most successful collegiate career, graduated B.A. in 1847. From the year of his graduation until 1854, he filled the position of Curate in the influential parish of St. George's, Halifax. In the latter year, having returned from a successful mission to Great Britain in behalf of his *Alma Mater*, he received the honorable appointment of Professor of Pastoral Theology in that institution. For five years he filled the position with great satisfaction to the friends of the College. In 1859 he returned to Halifax as the Curate of the historic old church of St. Paul's, and, on the death of the venerable incumbent, in 1865, he was chosen Rector by the unanimous suffrages of the congregation. This position, which he still retains, is one of the most important centres of ecclesiastical influence in the Maritime Provinces. In



an educational journal it might not be proper to enter into those particulars which would show in how admirable a manner its varied responsibilities have been met. We may observe that the church edifice of St. Paul's has associations and a history surpassing in interest probably those of any other Protestant sanctuary in the Dominion. Built within a year of the founding of Halifax (1750), it has witnessed the changes and the progress of one hundred and twenty-eight years, and its frame of oak is still untouched by the tooth of time. Let us add that Dean Stanley is not more *au fait* and enthusiastic in all that pertains to his celebrated abbey, than is the Doctor in regard to the interesting antiquities of St. Paul's. On the establishment, in 1876, of the University of Halifax, a Degree-conferring, non-teaching institution, modelled after

the University of London, and designed to simplify and unify the collegiate system of Nova Scotia, considerable speculation arose as to the gentleman likely to be named for the important and dignified office of Chancellor. Doctor Hill's appointment thereto was accepted by all as a most felicitous solution of the problem, and under his able direction the Senate of the University has made gratifying progress in bringing into harmonious co-operation the higher educational forces of the Province.

Our space will not allow a full record of the learned Doctor's writings. We extract from the *Bibliotheca Canadensis* the titles of some of his interesting contributions to the literature of his native Province: *Old Testament History, its Chronology, Apparent Discrepancies, and Undesigned Coincidences* (1855); *Nova Scotia and Nova Scotians* (1858); *Review of the Rise and Progress of the Church of England in Nova Scotia* (Sermon, 1858);

Oration at the Inauguration of the Welsford and Parker Monument (1860); *Memoir of Sir Brenton Haliburton, late Chief Justice of the Province of Nova Scotia* (1864).

Doctor Hill has been for many years Chaplain of the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia. He is a Delegate from the Diocese of Nova Scotia to the General Synod of the Anglican Church in Canada, and a member of the Executive Committee of Synod. As President of the Church of England Institute, President of the Board controlling St. Paul's Alms House of Industry, and Governor of the Orphan Asylum, he fills local offices of importance. He is also Vice-President both of the British and Foreign Bible Society and of the Tract Society.

His degree (D.C.L.), conferred since his appointment to the Chancellorship of the University of Halifax, was a graceful recognition by the University of King's College of the talents and attainments of one of her ablest sons.