

begirt with manifold cares. A dutiful and affectionate son and brother, sharing bravely to the full the responsibilities which it was the increasing joy of his heart sympathetically to discharge, Mr. Trotter, doubtless ere he was aware of it, developed a firm, manly, frank, self-reliant, and sympathetic life. Subsequent training and experience enriched these qualities, and gave to them that balance and wise control which are so conspicuous in his personality. His school life at Woodstock allied him with Christian forces and interests to which he readily responded. To one of his quick responsiveness of spirit, it could not be that the earnestness of Christian purpose and loftiness of Christian aims embodied in Dr. Fyfe and Professor Wells, and in many worthy young lives engaged in study with him, should fail to quicken into generous impulse and life latent energies of heart and mind, and turn them into channels of noble service. A course in Arts at Toronto University was a natural result by way of will and process in further self-equipment. The personality of a teacher like Dr. Young stimulated him to patient and painstaking scholarship, and widened the horizon of thought. Then came his theological course at McMaster, from which he was graduated in 1885. The uniform testimony of his teachers is that Mr. Trotter was an earnest man and an able student, capable of entering with purposeful effort and zest into whatever subjects were before him, and of shaping results to the ends of practical service. During his protracted course of preparation, he was earnestly engaged during vacations in preaching on Home Mission fields. While a student of Toronto University, he preached one summer as far east as Shelburne County, Nova Scotia; and in August of that year made the long journey to Wolfville to hear Dr. Lorimer (then, as now, of Tremont Temple, Boston), and to be present at the annual Convention held there. It was then I first met him.

On graduation from McMaster, Mr. Trotter became the pastor of Woodstock church, one of the mother churches of this province. When I was pressed into the duties of the Principalship of Woodstock College, I found myself in close official and personal relations with him. He was the efficient Secretary to the Board of Trustees. The interests of the college were dear to him, and teachers and students could always reckon upon his