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In Memoriam

OF

THE REV. NATHANIEL S. McFETRIDGE, D. D.

On Friday, December 3, 1886, the Rev. N. S. McFetridge, D. D., entered into his rest, at the age of forty-four years.

Early in the year 1885 he was elected to the chair of Greek, Anglo-Saxon and Modern Languages in this College. He was with us at its opening in the autumn of the same year, and did much to secure its early success.

As members of the Faculty, we were strangers when we met; but very soon our departed brother won the esteem and confidence of us all. No less did he win that of the students. As a professor, he was scholarly, careful and diligent in his work. He had the aptitude for teaching in a high degree. He exacted careful and diligent work from the students. Though a constant sufferer, he did not spare himself, and he had small patience with idleness and inattention on the part of any in his classes. When he led the college in morning prayers, his confessions of human frailty and sin, and his pleadings with our Heavenly Father for grace and strength to bear us through the duties of the day, were peculiarly touching.

As a member of the Faculty, he was prudent in counsel, firm in the maintenance of right, faithful to the best interests of the College, and courteous to his brethren.

As a preacher, he was remarkably clear in exposition and impressive in manner. He delighted especially in commending the love, the patience and the faithfulness of Christ, and was never happier than when so engaged.

He was a man of sprightly temperament, of genial and kindly disposition. His intellect was fine, his culture high, his views broad, and his spirit catholic. He was eminently patient in suffering and we who never saw him free from it, know how his brightness and hopefulness and faithfulness in the midst of it, enforced the lesson of Christian joy in submission to the Father's will, with "patient continuance in well-doing," upon all about him.

We mourn our loss in his removal, but we rejoice in his gain; for we can not doubt that now, free "from the windy storm and tempest," he has gone to be "forever with the Lord."

We place this tribute on record to the memory of a faithful friend, a brother beloved in Jesus Christ.