

dist Church, in communion with which he *lived and labored* until called to the Church triumphant.

In the year 1821, he emigrated to the United States of America, and entered the work of the ministry in connexion with the Methodist Church in that country. His first field of labor was the Potsdam Circuit, under the superintendency of the Rev. Benjamin Paddock. God owned their labours; and, in the space of three months, 400 souls were converted to God and added to the Church.

Retaining a strong attachment to the flag of his native country, in the year 1829 he sought a connexion with the Wesleyan Ministry in Canada; and was most cordially received and stationed in Kingston, with the Rev. E. Evens as his Superintendent. He subsequently laboured on most of the principal Circuits in the Province—filled the office of Chairman of a District—Secretary of Conference; and was finally chosen President of Conference, the highest gift at the disposal of his ministerial brethren, the duties of these Stations and Offices, he discharged with credit to himself, with satisfaction to his brethren, and with profit to the Church.

Owing to the loss of his sight, the growing infirmities of age, in the year 1856 he was compelled to superannuate, and to retire to his home in St. Catherines. Here he continued to preach, with his usual success, to the utmost of his abilities. His strong mental powers remained unabated to the last; though blind for nine years he still retained such a lively recollection of the Word of God and the Wesleyan Hymns, that when conducting public worship he would repeat whole chapters and hymns, with very great comfort to himself, and with pleasure and edification to the people.

On the last Sabbath of the year 1864, he received the long-looked-for dismissal, "Go thou thy way until the end be, for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days."

Mr. Bevitt was a man of strong powers of mind; a clear and forcible expositor of the Word of God; a very popular and successful platform-speaker.

As he lived unto the Lord, so he died unto the Lord. His end was peace.

### 3. WILLIAM DIGNAM.

William Dignam was born in the County Fermanagh, Ireland, of religious parents, through whose pious instructions, and the regular ministrations of the word, his