

THE CIRCUIT RIDER

Christianity Owes Much to his Zeal and Endurance.

His Life During the Early Days of Methodism in Canada Was Often One of Great Hardship—The Story of One Now Enjoying a Ripely Old Age.

From the *Simcoe Reformer*.

In the early days of Methodism in Canada the Gospel was spread abroad in the land by the active exertions of the circuit rider. It required a man of no ordinary health and strength; an iron constitution and unflagging determination to fulfil the arduous duties incumbent on one who undertook to preach salvation to his fellow-men. It was no easy task that these men set themselves to, but they were strong in the faith and hope of ultimate reward. Many fell by the wayside, while others struggled on and prospered, and a few are to-day enjoying a ripe old age happy in the knowledge that a lasting reward will soon be theirs. Most of these old timers are not now engaged in active church work, but have been placed on the supernumerated list, and are now living a quiet life in town or on a farm free from the cares of the world, they await the call to come up higher.

Rev. David Williams, who lives two miles southwest of Nixon, Ont., in the township of Windham, Norfolk County, was one of these early days circuit riders. He was a man of vigorous health and although without many advantages in the way of early education he succeeded by dint of hard and constant study in being admitted to the ministry. He was the first born in the first house built in Glen Williams near Georgetown, Mr. Geo. Kennedy the founder of Georgetown being a brother of his mother. To-day he is seventy years old and for the past twenty six years has lived in this county. For many years he had been a sufferer from kidney and kindred diseases. He tried all kinds of remedies, and although sometimes temporarily relieved he gradually grew worse until in October 1895 he was stricken with paralysis. From this he partially recovered and recovered his powers of speech but his mind was badly wrecked, and his memory was so poor that he could not remember the name of the person to whom he wished to speak without thinking intently for several minutes. One day driving to church he wished to speak of a neighbor who lived next to him for twenty years, but he could not recall the name for an hour or more. In addition to his mental trouble, he had intense bodily suffering; pains in the head, across the forehead, in the temples and behind the ears, across the lower part of the skull and in the joint of the neck. He had great weakness and pains in the back, hips and legs. In fact, so much did he suffer that sleep was almost an impossibility, and he fell away in weight until he weighed only 145 pounds. By this time, Dec. 1895, he became despondent and felt that if he did not soon obtain relief, he would soon bid adieu to the things of this world. On the 20th of December he read of a cure in the *Reformer* by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and being seized with a sudden inspiration at once wrote to Brockville for a supply of that marvellous remedy. Immediate good results followed their use and he has improved wonderfully during the past year. He has recovered his bodily health and strength, is comparatively free from pain and his memory is nearly as good as it ever was and as the improvement continues the prospects are very bright for complete recovery. He has gained twenty pounds in weight since beginning the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Mr. Williams says: "I can heartily endorse the many good things said of these pills in the papers, and strongly recommend them to any one suffering as I was."

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church by adding ten feet of additional accommodation to each side. This has been done in an attractive and substantial manner. The services on the 18th were the first held in the church since enlargement, and in honor of the event the sacred edifice was very prettily decorated with choice plants and flowers, and large congregations were present on all occasions. Rev. J. A. Macdonald occupied the pulpit in the morning and Rev. Dr. McTavish in the evening. In the afternoon a stirring sermon was preached by Rev. R. P. McKay, Foreign Mission Secretary, who took as his text the words found in Galatians iii. 27: "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." In conclusion Mr. McKay spoke of the reopening of the church and hoped that the truths and lessons that would be given from the pulpit from Sunday to Sunday would be an inducement to many to put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Presbytery of Kingston will meet, by leave of Synod, at Lindsay on May 12th; and for licensing of students, and other business, in Chalmer's church, Kingston, on May 19th, at 2 p.m. The formal act of licensing successful candidates will take place in Chalmer's church, Kingston, at 8 p.m., on May 19th.

On Sabbath evening, April 18th, the Rev. L. H. Jordan, B.D., pastor of St. James Square Church, Toronto, owing to a severe cold was not able to take the usual service. The pulpit was supplied by the Rev. Dr. Moffat, Secretary of the Tract Society, who preached a very earnest sermon, to those fighting the battles and bearing the burdens of every day life. Last year we learn from the new report that Dr. Moffat preached 87 times in city and country and gave 196 addresses.

The Rev. Dr. A. C. McKenzie for eleven years past minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Owego, N. Y., has just been appointed President of Emira College. The College has been in financial difficulties, but Dr. McKenzie has made special exertions on its behalf which have been crowned with success and now he has been appropriately selected for the Presidency, which office he will fill with dignity and success. Dr. Mackenzie is a Canadian, from the county of Oxford, and son of the former minister of Embro.

The sixty-fourth annual meeting of the Upper Canada Tract Society will be held on Thursday evening next, the 29th inst., in Zion Congregational Church, College street. The Rev. W. J. McCaughan, of St. Andrew's, the Rev. Mr. Courtice, Editor *Methodist Guardian*, the Rev. Dr. Moffat and other gentlemen will address the audience. We are glad to know that the old society is quietly and successfully carrying on its many sided mission work in Manitoba, Ontario and China. Every year it is steadily enlarging its work, in many much needed missionary forms.

The Rev. W. T. D. Moss has recently been inducted into the pastorate of St. Andrew's Kirk, Picton. This is the strongest and most influential congregation outside of the Union in the Maritime Provinces, and for this reason occupies a very prominent position in the eyes of the whole Church. Mr. Moss is a young man who graduated from the Presbyterian College, Montreal, a few years ago, and who since coming to the east has won a high place as a preacher. He is looked upon as one of the most cultured and promising young men in our Church, and it is felt that under his ministry this important congregation will enter upon a new career of usefulness and influence.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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Editor *Presbyterian Review*:

DEAR SIR,—The Society is at present in need of homes for the following children: John R. fair complexion, blue eyes, auburn hair, a healthy, pretty boy of 2 years and 6 months. Jas. A. a boy answering very much the same description 2 years and 2 months. James S. dark complexion, brown eyes, black hair, a very bright child aged 3 years. Frank F. light complexion, light hair, blue eyes, very quiet, 4 years old.

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Applications should be sent to the Secretary, 32 Confederation Life Bldg, Toronto.

J. STUART COLEMAN,
Secretary, Children's Aid Society.

A NEW DEPARTURE.

From the early centuries until now, one uniform system has characterized all musical instruments in their method of stringing. Styles have changed, new instruments have been born, old ones have died but the same old system of stringing, with all its defects persisted through the centuries. Instruments were constantly getting out of tune, because the tension of the strings pulling all on one side, and sometimes with considerable strain, tended to warp the instrument and so loosen the strings, and get them out of tune. The cause for this defect, however was attributed to everything, but the right one. It remained for one man, the inventor of the Apollo Harp, advertised in this paper, to discover the true cause and remove it. His new system of duplex stringing, places the same strain on the back as on the front of the sounding board, thus preventing warping, and giving stability to the tune. This new system of stringing is a marked improvement upon the old, and will be revolutionary in its results upon stringed instruments. There are other new features, of equal importance in this wonderful instrument. It is an epoch-making innovation, and richly merits the large demands it is receiving.

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