

opposition from an unexpected source. Besides the *Examiner* newspaper, which poured the most ribald abuse on its promoters, four leading members of the Conference published a pamphlet, in which the details of the plan and the manner of bringing it about were objected to, yet it carried in the Quarterly Meetings; and at the proper time was brought before the Conference, but we must not further anticipate.

243. Our diminishing space allows us far less room for details than we have allowed ourselves heretofore, although it was the closing year of an epoch (afterwards called the "intermediate state"), and, therefore, invested with great interest and importance. We must proceed to furnish accurate data for a complete history in the future, by filling up the blanks in the list of stations for this year 1846-47, so far as authentic information has been received.

244. To begin with the London District, Woodstock, according to the Minutes, was supplied by M. Holtby and George Kennedy, and the Huron Mission, a new name, was to be supplied; but changes were made after the Conference affecting these. The "Huron Mission," which was but another name for Goderich and its vicinity, required a man of experience and energy to organize it. Mr. Kennedy was, therefore, taken from Woodstock and sent there, and his place was supplied by a modest, unpretentious young man, who has, nevertheless, grown up to one of the firmest and most influential members of the Conference. This was James Gray, a tall, fair complexioned person, of Irish parentage if not of Irish birth, brought up in the vicinity of Bowmanville, who, besides respectable early training, had enjoyed the advantage of Victoria College for some considerable time before going into the itinerant work. To those of this generation, he needs no further description from me.