

identified himself with that active and progressive denomination, and as was the custom in those days he was soon engaged in active labors for the good of others. Giving evidence that he possessed abilities that might be employed in the ministry of the Church he passed quickly from exhorter to local preacher, and then to the full consecration of himself, with all his powers, to the work of the Christian ministry. After laboring on several circuits in England, he, in compliance with urgent calls from Canada for additional missionaries, offered himself to the Conference, and was accepted and sent to this Province in 1850. He entered on his work with characteristic devotion, and although never a great preacher, he was a faithful expounder of the Word of God, and a most diligent worker and pastor. He labored principally on mission fields and was generally successful in his work, beloved for his piety, and honored for his zeal. For some years prior to his death he held the relation first of a supernumerary and then of a superannuated minister, but his changed relations to the Church never abated his love to God or interest in the progress of his cause. The attendance on all the means of grace and liberality in sustaining all the funds of the Church, honored his head and his heart. He watched with deep interest the widening operations of our Missionary Society, and on one occasion when I thanked him for a very liberal contribution to its funds, he remarked: "Do you know, I am afraid sometimes I do not give as much as I should to so great and so good a cause." But as his gifts each year equalled, and sometimes exceeded, his allowance from the Superannuation Fund, we feel no disposition to question his fidelity as a steward of the Lord.

The call of the Master came to Bro. Foster in the sanctuary, and he left it one Sabbath evening and went home to die. While living he was not much troubled with doubts, and when death came it found him in the possession of full salvation, and ready to depart and enter his eternal rest. He sweetly fell asleep in Jesus during the sessions of our District Meeting, the members of which carried him to his grave. Those who knew him best bearing testimony in the memorial service to his Christian character and useful life.

REV. JOHN BREDIN, D.D.,

was born August 7th, 1819, in Enniskillen, Fermanagh, Ireland, where he lived till eleven years of age, when he was taken to Liverpool, England, where he spent the next ten years of his life, and where he was converted to God in March, 1838, under the ministry of the late Rev. Robert Young, who was once President of the English Conference.

Young Bredin was made a local preacher in 1840, and came to Canada in 1841. He was sent to London, Canada, by Dr. Richey, in August, 1842, as assistant to Dr. Evans; and his second year was at Goderich, where he travelled four thousand five hundred miles through seven townships, preaching twice on each week-day and three times on every Sabbath. He had to endure many of the hardships of that period, inseparable from ministerial labor in new settlements, often carrying his horse's oats in his cutter, and tying the faithful animal in the most sheltered place near the shanty, whilst he himself partook of the simple hospitality within, frequently dining on potatoes, salt and tea. But many souls were converted, and he was happy in his work, while his talents as a preacher soon called him from the comparative seclusion of these years, and we find him year after year filling such pulpits as those of Hamilton, Toronto, Cobourg, Brockville, Barrie, etc., everywhere winning the admiration of his hearers by his pulpit ability and genius; also we find him for many years Chairman of District, Chairman of Committee for Examination of young preachers, President of the Bay of Quinte Conference, and many other honors were his as years rolled on. He also received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from the Wesleyan University of the State of Illinois.

After forty-five years of continuous and active work, feeling the infirmities of age, he obtained a superannuated relation, continuing to reside in Colborne. But this, instead of limiting, expanded his work, his services being eagerly sought; and he, willing to meet the demands, often went beyond what prudence and care for his health would dictate; in fact, only three days before the attack of his last illness, he preached what was deemed one of his greatest sermons in Colborne Church. Other talents also were his from youth, as, when in Liverpool, his skill as reporter was such that when any great meeting was held, and those interested were desirous