

wigwam throughout the forest, the hand of entreaty is stretched forth, the voice of supplication is lifted up, and the universal prayer is "Give us the Good Book, that we and our children may learn the words of the Great Spirit."

At the anniversary in 1834 he moved one of the resolutions and led the closing prayer. Since 1855 he has been one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society, and although prevented by public and ecclesiastical duties from frequent attendance at the Board meetings, he has continued in hearty sympathy with the operations of the Society up to the end of his long and active life. In the absence of the Hon. G. W. Allan, he presided at the anniversary meeting in 1877, and referred with pleasure to his long connexion with the Society.

It is unnecessary for us to refer to his labours in the ministry of the Gospel, or to his great public services to the Province as Chief Superintendent of Education. These have been sketched both in the religious and the secular press more fully than we could attempt to do in our small space, and moreover are well known to all who are at all acquainted with Canadian history.

The Rev. Dr. Egerton Ryerson was one of six sons of Colonel Joseph Ryerson, one of the brave old U. E. Loyalists. His eldest brother, the Rev. Dr. George Ryerson, is still living at the age of ninety-three. His mother was of good Puritan stock from New England. He was born in the township of Charlotteville, in the County of Norfolk, on the 4th of March, 1803. He received his early education at the Grammar School in his own neighbourhood, and afterwards under Mr. Law, of Hamilton. He entered the ministry in connexion with the Methodist Church, in 1825, and very soon became known throughout the country as an able and eloquent preacher. In 1829 the *Christian Guardian* was started as the organ of the Methodist Church in Canada, and he became its first chief editor, a position which he held altogether about nine years. In 1841 he was elected the first Principal of Victoria College. In 1844 he was appointed by the Government Chief Superintendent of Education for Upper Canada, which position he occupied for over thirty-two years, and in which he rendered such great and permanent benefits to his native Province. In 1876 he resigned, and devoted the remainder of his days chiefly to literary labours, especially to his book "The Loyalists of America." Although he retained a wonderful amount of his remarkable natural vigour in mind and body up to a recent date, he had been for the last year evidently failing. About the middle of February it became apparent that the end of his long life on earth was near at hand, and on the morning of Sunday, the 19th of Feby., he passed away, surrounded by his family and a few intimate friends, among whom was our Senior Secretary, Dr. Hodgins, who had been so long associated with him as his Deputy in the Education Department.

A very impressive funeral service was held in the Metropolitan Church on the afternoon of Wednesday, Feby. 22nd., when the Rev. Dr. Potts preached the sermon, after which the body of the veteran was buried in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery.