

1796.—*Samuel Coate* had travelled two years before his arrival in Canada. Of superior talents and acquirements, and held an elevated and distinguished position among his brethren as a preacher, but was not free from blemishes and defects otherwise. Located in 1810, re-entered the work, and became a Presiding Elder. Visited England; where he died. His widow and only daughter,—respectable members of our Church—are still living; and a grandson, H. A. Spencer, was received on trial by our Conference in 1859.

1796.—*Hezekiah C. Wooster*, another young preacher; two years in the work; full of zeal and the Holy Ghost; a great revival attended his labours; but excessive and consuming toil brought him to an early grave. He returned home to die, and resigned his happy spirit into the arms of his Saviour, at his father's house, in the United States, Nov. 6, 1798.

1798.—*Michael Coate* laboured in Canada this year, and returned to resume his labours in the United States.

1798.—*Joseph Jewell* came as an ordained Elder, and presided over the District; remained three years. Afterwards joined the Philadelphia Conference. Presided at the first camp-meeting ever held in the State of New York, at Geneva Lake, in the summer of 1805.

1800.—*Joseph Sawyer*. This distinguished pioneer of Canadian Methodism is entitled to more than a passing notice, which is, however, all our prescribed limits will permit. Dr. Stevens in his *Memorial of Methodism*, calls him a man of "restless energy." Many of our first Societies were planted by him, and some of his spiritual children became distinguished in the Church, as Laban Clark and Dr. Bangs. The former gives an account of an interview with Joseph Sawyer after preaching, and is a fine example of that plain, heart-searching instruction, with which Methodist preachers of this period were so familiar: "When the preacher had closed his exercise (it was the first sermon he had heard by a Methodist preacher), he came and sat down by me, and asked me if I had ever experienced religion? I said 'No.' He then asked me if I believed in the reality of religion? I answered, 'Yes.' 'Well,' said he, 'if I will give you a few words of good advice, will you follow them?' I said, 'I will as far as I am able.' 'Then,' said he, 'I advise you to search the Scriptures every day: to pray in secret at least twice a day; to avoid that which you know to be wrong, and to walk according to the light you can obtain. Is this good advice?' I answered in the affirmative. Then said he, 'God is witness between you and me. You have promised, that if I would give you good advice, you would follow it.'" Young Laban followed the advice, which resulted in his conversion to God. But it would be deemed an unnecessary and tedious process, for a penitent to follow, by