

and around the city, comprising, before he left Liverpool, every pulpit in the place.

The Rev. Mr. Chettle, one of his last superintendents, took special interest in furthering his entrance into the full ministry of the word; and through the intervention of the Rev. Dr. Stinson, Mr. Chettle's brother-in-law, then President of the Canada Conference, he was introduced into the Canada Conference, with which he became first associated in 1859, twenty-one years ago. The Rev. Dr. Elliott became his fostering friend, uninterruptedly, from the time of his arrival in this country, as long as any measure of youth and inexperience rendered such patronage and guidance desirable.

That such attributes and characteristics as those ascribed to Mr. Briggs, without cheekiness and "management" on his own part, should have procured him good appointments and positions, is not to be wondered at. He has occupied such stations as Durham, P. Q.; Adelaide Street, Toronto; Hamilton, Montreal, London, Belleville, where he was Chairman of the District; and the Metropolitan Church of this city, which was his last pastoral charge.

His financial and clerical capabilities early preferred him to the positions of Financial Secretary of a District, Secretary of a Conference, and, lastly, his elevation to his present responsible position of Steward of the western and principal section of our Book Room. Personally, we were opposed, at the time, to giving up an unmistakably good preacher to an untried business position; but the results of last year showed that it was no dangerous experiment; and the published returns of the one now closing, in a very marked degree show that he is unmistakably the "right man in the right place." Such an audacious piece of ante-mortem dissection and analysis as we have perpetrated will require the forbearance of a gentleman who has sought no notoriety; but as "naught has been set down in malice," we hope to obtain his forgiveness.

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