

After his conversion to God, dissatisfied with his scholastic attainments, and finding no congenial educational facilities in his native Province, under a solemn conviction of his call to the Christian ministry, he repaired to Middletown, U.S., where in addition to other advantages, he enjoyed the inestimable training of the late Dr. Fisk, at that time the distinguished and successful President of the University.

Upon purely natural laws we cannot account for impressions and impulses which some men receive and are governed by. If there be any thing in religious life in which "a stranger intermedleth not," it is this process of reasoning under the guidance of spiritual visitation which to the individual leaves no doubt of what is his duty, although that may be connected with personal sacrifice. Whether we look at Carey hammering the leather upon the lapstone, whilst he was ruminating upon the salvation of the Hindoos; or Dr. Coke beseeching the Wesleyan Conference to give its sanction to his going to India; or St. Paul, bound in spirit to go up to Jerusalem, we discover the same kind of tendency to a certain course of action, of which some have grave doubts, and the more ardent hesitate not to offer strong opposition. The avowed intention of Humphrey Pickard was to qualify himself for more effective future usefulness in the Church, and in doing this, unknown to himself and others, he was preparing to occupy a post of great distinction and responsibility in connection with a Wesleyan Educational Institution, which at that time was hidden in the mysteries of Providence, to be developed in the future, as the fruit of the Spirit's operation upon the soul of one of God's noblest children.

The late C. Allison, Esq., of Sackville, New Brunswick, was prompted by Divine influence to make an offer for the establishment of a Wesleyan Academy, and for this purpose he attended by invitation a meeting of the principal ministers in the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Districts, held in Halifax. Many of that assembly have finished their course, and entered upon the enjoyment of their reward as faithful labourers; but there are some left who remember well the meek and lowly appearance of this estimable brother when stating his sorrow at the absence of any institution in the Provinces, where the children of Meth-