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THE earnest and zealous men who came from the parent churches in the old world to supply the spiritual destitution of the early settlers in the pathless forests of Canada, were noble men whose memory should not pass away. Some of them are still with us but the greater part have ceased from their labours and have obtained their reward. The extensive fields through which they spread themselves; the perilous and self-denying journeys performed by them; the unceasing and poorly requited toils they underwent, are subjects on which one might dwell with interest and profit.

Although they have left no literary remains to transmit their names to posterity; not even do ecclesiastical records do full justice to the high attainments, culture and scholarship of these men; nevertheless many of them possessed high scholastic attainments and pre-eminent gifts, and in a more advanced state of society they would have achieved distinction for learning and administrative ability. Their work, like that of men who dig and lay firm the foundations, is unseen by those who now admire the superstructure. But none the less are the stability and grandeur of the