

DIARY OF MRS. SIMCOE

and then went to college and became a minister of the church, and is now at Toronto, where he has a church. It must be such a great comfort to him to be in the same place as his aged mother, and also his brother Charles.

Now to turn again to the lives of General and Mrs. Simcoe. Most particulars I have given in my first edition, but there cannot be too much said about both of them. It did not please the Lord that General Simcoe should live to a great age; if such had been the case, no doubt he would have been a very great person in the world. You know when great people go to India they generally return much greater, have a higher title, often get from a lord to an earl or marquis. India is the place for riches and honour. It is not often that people get honour in their own country; did Lord Nelson or Lord Wellington? And what brought General Simcoe so soon to the rank of general was his going abroad. So very likely, if it had pleased the Lord that he should go to India and return home again, he would have been greatly promoted; but he had finished his work.

We know the great things he did in England, even enough to frighten Bonaparte, for he was afraid to come with his great expedition, although his army was all ready to come over, and would very likely have come had there not been such a large body of Volunteers raised, and the country put in such a fortified state, particularly Devonshire, where it was Bonaparte's intention to land. What a confusion all England was in at that time. I remember it very well, many people hiding away their treasures and property; and what was General Simcoe doing? He was busy enough with sham fights, reviewing Volunteers, military and cavalry, and warning them all to hold themselves in readiness to meet the enemy. Such was General Simcoe's employment and study. It was the same in those days as it was in the days of old, as we see by Joshua, Hezekiah, David and all those great warlike people. Only read the history of those noble men, see in all their plans, what did they do? Before they made war they first enquired of the Lord, and He directed them. We do not see this in Pharaoh, nor in Nebuchadnezzar, the one who said of the three Jews who were cast into the burning fiery furnace, "And who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?" And in Exodus, v. 2, "And Pharaoh said, Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go." See what a difference there is between those who serve the Lord and those who serve Him not. We do not hear such holy men as Joshua, Samuel and David say, "Who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?" or say, "I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go." No, it is not so with those holy men; they say, "It is the Lord, let him do what seemeth him good." David said, "Lord, thou hast searched me and known me. Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine uprising; thou understandest my thoughts afar off. Thou compasseth my path and my lying down, and art acquainted