

maining two years on this circuit, he travelled respectively for one year the Port Hope and Thorold Circuits. On completing his four years' probation, he was ordained at London in June, 1855, and sent to Dundas. The next year he was appointed Superintendent of the St. Andrew's Circuit, on the Ottawa River. He laboured here for two years, when he was sent to Odelltown Circuit. In 1860 he was stationed by the Conference in Montreal West. Very shortly afterwards he was compelled, owing to enfeebled health, caused by protracted overwork before coming to the city, to resign his charge, and to retire temporarily from the pastorate. In the course of a few months he became sufficiently restored to undertake the superintendence of the St. John's Circuit, where he laboured for a term of three years. He was next stationed in Collingwood, Ont.; but at the end of one year was removed to Toronto, having accepted an invitation from the Elm-street Church to become their pastor. At the end of his three years' term he received an invitation to go to Belleville; but feeling his health again giving way, he requested the Conference to appoint him to a lighter field of labour, and he was sent to Ingersoll, Ont.

At the Conference which was held in Toronto the following year, 1869, he was elected editor of the *Christian Guardian*, as successor to the gifted and eloquent Dr. Jeffers—a position which he still retains, and which he has now occupied for a longer period than any of his predecessors. For five years consecutively he was re-elected to this office, each time by a large majority of the ministers attending the Annual Conference. At the first General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, held in Toronto in the month of September, 1874, when the Wesleyan and New Connexion bodies became amalgamated, he was again elected Connexional editor for a term of four years, by an overwhelming vote of the delegates, lay and ministerial, representing the united Church; and at the second General Conference, which assembled in Montreal in September, 1878, he was once more re-elected by an almost unanimous vote to the same important office for another quadrennial term. For this position, which he has occupied for such a length of time with so much credit to himself and satisfaction to the Church, he has in an eminent degree the essential qualifications. He is naturally a writer, and wields a ready and vigorous pen.