

now almost forgotten Rev. James G. Peel. The conviction then produced on his mind, led him in June, 1813, to unite with the Methodist Society in the village of Milleroches, shortly after which he found peace in believing. From that time he became deeply interested in spiritual things. He served the Church in the various offices of Leader, Exhorter, and Local Preacher, till 1833, when he was employed by the Rev. Dr. Green, then Presiding Elder of the Augusta District, as a supply on the Clarendon Mission. He was received on probation by the Conference of 1834, and appointed to the Ottawa Circuit, where he remained two years, preaching with acceptability and success. Under his ministry, in conjunction with that of his Superintendent, the Rev. A. Hurlburt, a revival of religion took place on the Circuit, in which some four hundred souls were converted, among whom may be mentioned, the honoured and efficient Secretary of the W. M. Society, the Rev. Dr. Taylor.

Through a period of thirty years, Brother Brownell continued to give proof of his ministry, occupying some fifteen different fields of labour, in various parts of the Province, mostly new Missions, in each of which he is remembered as an active, laborious, and successful Christian Minister. Few men were better qualified for the work assigned them. He was sympathizing, affectionate, frank, and generous. His large and varied experience was of great service to the new settler, to whom in his visits he imparted useful information as well as sound religious advice. This made him always a welcome visitor to the people of his charge, by whom he was greatly beloved. As a Minister, his knowledge of the deep things of God was extensive; his attachment to our doctrines and discipline was unwavering; his preaching was plain, pointed, energetic, and successful; he was simple in manners, upright in conduct, strictly conscientious in duty, and he has left a record behind him of which his brethren are not ashamed.

When forced, by failing health, to retire from the more active work of the ministry, he settled in Moulinette, the village in which he was born, and continued to witness a good confession—preaching and living a religion of spiritual joy. He was honoured and beloved by all classes.

His death was unexpected. He had walked to Cornwall on the eleventh of March, and preached twice on the following day