

Memorials of the Rev. John Sprott, edited by his son, the Rev. George W. Sprott, D.D., of North Berwick. Edinburgh: George A. Morton, 1906; 8vo., cloth, 232 pps. For sale by T. C. Allen & Co., Halifax, N. S.

The Rev. John Sprott was born at Caldon Park, Stoneykirk, Wigtownshire, Scotland, 3rd of February, 1780. He was a minister of the Church of Scotland, was licensed as a preacher in 1809, but was not settled until after 1818, when he sailed for America, and landed at St. John, N. B., being welcomed there by the Rev. George Burns, D.D., who had been his fellow-student at Edinburgh. During the several years following he preached in many parts of Nova Scotia, and was finally admitted to the pastoral charge of Windsor, Newport and Rawdon.

The story of his missionary labors is full of interest. He had many hair-breadth escapes, having been in perils often, both on land and sea. He celebrated his jubilee in 1859, and officiated for the last time in public in 1867, when he assisted at the opening of a new church at New Antrim. He was then in his eighty-eighth year, and was so much crippled with rheumatism that he had to be lifted in and out of the carriage.

The story of his life is largely the story of the Presbyterian Church in the portions of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland in which he labored. The work is well written and full of interest, particularly so to the adherents of his own denomination.

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The Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Benjamin Franklin. Celebration by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Boston in Symphony Hall, Boston, January 17, 1906. Printed by order of the Massachusetts General Court and the Boston City Council. 113 pps., large 8vo., cloth, boards.

The writer is indebted to Samuel Abbott Green, Esquire, LL. D., Chairman of the Committee, for a copy of this interesting report. The volume contains a complete account of the proceedings, including the Prayer by the Rev. Dr. George A. Gordon, Introductory Remarks by the Chairman, Address by Governor Curtis Guild, Jr., Impromptu Remarks by Ambassador Jusserand, Address by Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, Cable Message to the President of France, Oration by the Hon. Carroll D. Wright, and a Poem by the Hon. James