

discharged with remarkable efficiency. Few who heard them will ever forget his manly, straightforward counsels to the ordination class of that year. Since his appointment to Hamilton, in 1854, he has alternated between that city and the following places: Quebec, Toronto, Montreal, London, and Kingston.

Our subject has never, that we are aware, made much use of his pen; he has never tried his hand at lecturing; and obtains no notoriety by experiments in legislation; he owes his standing to the safety of his judgment, the weight of his character, and his efficiency as a preacher. He is not a declaimer nor critically expository, but his preaching is original, sage and satisfying. He is a wise and weighty presiding officer, and faithful in carrying out whatever the majority have determined on, although he himself may have been in the minority when it passed, which he sometimes is when radical changes are concerned, so cautiously conservative is Mr. Elliott.

Our subject is entirely devoid of *finesse*, and never condescends to any device for eliciting popular favour. If there are any circuits that desire smooth things to be prophesied to them, they are not likely to ask for the Rev. James Elliott; but if any circuit should get into complications and require a strong, steady hand to hold the reins, there are a great many chances that our friend may be asked for. He may not be a universal favourite, but he is greatly beloved and respected by those who know him best.

He is still a man of great physical force and vigour, and is likely to serve the Church for a great many years to come; but as he is very retiring, and his greatest excellences are not of the *prima facie* kind, he will, in our new order of things, be quite as likely to remain within the bounds where he has been known for years as to pass over to the newly-acquired territories where he is not known so well. But old, or new, Mr. Elliott is not likely to tarnish his spotless reputation. Our subject has been so quiet and unobtrusive, and his life so slightly eventful, that there are no materials for lengthening this summary. We release him from a notoriety from which, we know, he constitutionally shrinks.