

met in his name, as in the consecrated Church. Methodists cannot live long and grow in grace without prayer. The first Methodist prayer meetings in the Dominion of Canada were established in the place now called Amherst, in the County of Cumberland.

There was one among the new comers who was well prepared to conduct such meetings. He had been a class leader in England. He had received a special blessing from his chief Pastor, John Wesley, just before leaving Yorkshire. Kneeling beside Mr. Wells and his wife, with a hand on each head, the Servant of God solemnly implored the blessing of God upon their Westward enterprise. There was not a preacher among them, but the evolution of one was just at hand. Ministers generally get life and begin to grow at prayer meetings. They produce more genuine ones than colleges. These meetings continued for some months with occasional intervals, when a remarkable outpouring of the Holy Spirit was realized. It was the first, and perhaps one of the most powerful revivals of religion ever known in the Province. As Methodism began with a revival, and is perpetuated in the same way, I believe the correct date of its introduction to any place is when souls are being converted. Hence, early in the year 1779 it was introduced into Cumberland. The number of conversions I know not, but within one year's time two hundred persons were meeting in class.

Among the first of the converts was that of William Black, a young man nineteen years of age, who came from Yorkshire with his parents four years before. He soon became very useful in the meetings for prayer and exhortation, but did not give himself