

(Continued from first page.) would have doubtless been the next President. Preaching abilities more than average. Method—expository, and always tries to be useful without aspiring to be eloquent. Aged about forty. Is now a widower. Bids fair to stand high and do much to carry out the plans of the united body. He is medium in size, and well proportioned and well filled up. Dark skin, hair, and beard.

MICHAEL LAVELL, Esq., M.D., Of Kingston. This gentleman is a pleasing instance of an orphan Irish boy, (born in Quebec), who, early coming under the influence of religion in the form of Methodism, received such an impulse in the right direction, was furnished with such friends and advisers, and surrounded by such restraints, as have enabled him to make his way, first, to a clerkship in the Guardian office, or Wesleyan Book Room; then to the knowledge and practice of a learned profession; next to a very respectable matrimonial settlement in life; further, a lucrative practice of medicine, first in Peterboro, and then in Kingston; then Professorship in Queen's College; and lastly, Presidency of the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Toronto.

All this has come upon him since his conversion, in Weston, at the age of fifteen, by sticking to his class and prayer-meeting, while passing on through the several grades of Sunday School teacher, S. S. pioneer, at the Don Bridge, Steward (in 1848), Leader (in 1851), until now he fills the position in the church of his choice, of leader, steward, trustee, S. S. superintendent, member of Victoria College Board, and member of the General Conference. Dr. Lavell is a good writer and ready speaker, with no lack of nerve, who will be no silent voter in our General Assembly. He is scarcely up to medium size, dark complexioned, lithe and active, grave enough when gravity is required, but playful as a boy when the time comes to unbind.

REV. I. B. HOWARD. This gentleman needs very little to be said to make him favorably known to the Methodists, at least, of Ontario and Quebec; but as he is now an ecclesiastical legislator for all the Provinces of our wide Dominion, we give him a line. The several events of his history and the salient points of his character may be briefly given.

He is a native of Grimsby, Ontario, with an admixture of English and German blood in his veins. He is now up to the age of fifty-six, but bating the silvering of his once raven locks and beard, there are a few appearances of age, being straight, lithe and active, with the uprightness of youth in his manner and conversation. He was a very handsome young man, and is still a comely senior. He is slight made, and seemed rather delicate when young; but he has endured his 34 years of ministerial labor well. He is a laborious preacher and diligent pastor, and has succeeded in building up the several churches to which he has been appointed. Few ministers can make a sermon readier, or put more vim into it when it is made.

Passing a brief period in rural circuits, he has filled nearly all the important town and city appointments, such as Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston, in each of which he was stationed twice. His other appointments have been Woodstock, Brantford, Dundas, St. Catharines, Port Hope, Peterboro, Belleville, Brockville, Montreal West, Montreal Centre, and Guelph, where he is now; and where he has had a good ingathering and is building the second fine church. He has been chairman of five several districts, Montreal, Brockville, Cobourg, Toronto, Niagara, and Guelph.

Mr. Howard combines condescension with gentility, and dignity with ease. He is fearless and firm, yet good-natured. He is the friend of economy, and not afraid to attack venerable abuses. We opine that he will not stop to ask in the General Conference, "What will please the dignitaries?" but, "What is right?" "What does duty require?" He will never do mischief, but will be likely to do a great deal of good.

MR. STEPHEN WASHINGTON, Of Salina, township of Darlington, a native of Westmoreland, England, sixty-one years of age, one of a worthy family which came over in 1829, and settled in Scarborough, near Washington Church, which they contributed largely to build, and to which they gave name: He and his brothers, all of whom are local preachers, as well as himself, were converted along with many others, in a revival which broke out in harvest time, in 1833, and was zealously pushed by the much loved "Sammy Richardson." Mr. M. is a well-to-do yeoman, labors hard for the church as leader, and local preacher, and recording steward of his circuit. This

brother has had two sons in the Wesleyan ministry; one has gone home, the other is on the walls. And now our friend has the crowning honor of a seat in the General Conference, an honor of which he is well worthy.

REV. JOHN SHAW, Pastor of Berkley street Church, Chairman of the Toronto District, and Secretary of the Toronto Annual Conference, will make a sage, cautious, peaceable, and also efficient member of our new ecclesiastical General Assembly.

Mr. Shaw is of Irish parentage, but born in Canada. His age is only forty-three, but his connection with the Church covers the last quarter of a century, twenty-three years of which time he has spent in the ministry. His manner is quiet and unobtrusive, and he had a long period of retired, though good, rural circuits. Within a few years, he has been coming more and more to the front, it being now the second year of his pastorage in Toronto, and the third of his chairmanship of the Toronto District. His personal appearance is much in his favor, being comely in looks, and a stalwart man of "six feet in his stocking vamps," as the Irish woman said of her husband, and coming up to nearly 200 pounds in weight. His voice is clear and strong; his manner of speaking being deliberate and impressive. He is developing himself fast as a preacher, and lately as lecturer, also as editor of "Earnest Christianity." Mr. Shaw may be pronounced a safe man, and is sure to make his way to higher positions. His modesty prevents his being the subject of envy. He is brief in his own exercises, and we give him only this short notice.

H. E. YOUMANS, Esq., St. Thomas. It is pleasing that so many of the descendants of the early Bay of Quinte Methodists, how widely soever scattered, stand true to their traditional antecedents religiously. Here is a son of Mr. Arthur Youmans of Picton, brother of the Rev. Dr. Youmans, and remote relation of the late venerable David Youmans, himself a native of Prince Edward county, where he was converted at the early age of ten years, under Rev. W. McFadden's ministry; now, at the age of thirty-three, is found a Trustee of two Churches, Recording Steward of his Circuit, Class-leader, Sunday-school Superintendent, and one of the Lay-Delegates for the Methodist District in which he lines in the General Conference. He received a good commercial education, and is a book-seller and stationer, being, also, Manager of the Dominion Telegraph Company for St. Thomas. He has the fair an florid complexion of the family.

The Heart Shining in the Face. I love a minister whose face invites me to make him my friend—a man upon whose doorstep you read "Salve—Welcome." Give me the man around whom the children come around like flies around a honey-pot; they are the first-class judges of a good man. When Solomon was tried by the Queen of Sheba, as to his wisdom, the rabbi tell us that she brought some artificial flowers with her, beautifully made and delicately scented, so as to be fact similes of real flowers. She asked Solomon to discover which were artificial and which were real. The wise man bade his servants open the window, and when the bees came in they flew at once to the natural flowers, and cared nothing for the artificial. So you will find that children's have their instincts, and discover very speedily who is their friend, and depend upon it, the children's friend is one will be worth knowing. Have a good word to say to each and every member of the family—the big boys, and the young ladies, and the little girls and everybody. No one knows what a smile and a hearty sentence may do. A man who is too much with men must love them, and feel at home with them. An individual who has no geniality about him had better be an undertaker, and bury the dead, for he will never succeed in influencing the living. —Spurgeon.

Pere Hyacinthe Again. Dr. Cuyler in a letter to the Evangelist, dated at Geneva, Aug. 13, says: Pere Hyacinthe's resignation makes much talk. The eloquent priest is a man of good impulses, but lacks "back bone." He is not such stuff as great reformers are made of. I still hope that he will drift into the line with Reinkens, and may even die a Protestant. But at present he only sees the truth "as through a glass darkly." The cause of evangelical religion on the Continent does most woefully lack men, MEN. Here and there is a Christlieb, or a Dornier, or a Merle D'Aubigne; but no Luther rises yet above the horizon. When shall yonder royal Mont Blanc look down upon new heroes, and a second and a grander Reformation?

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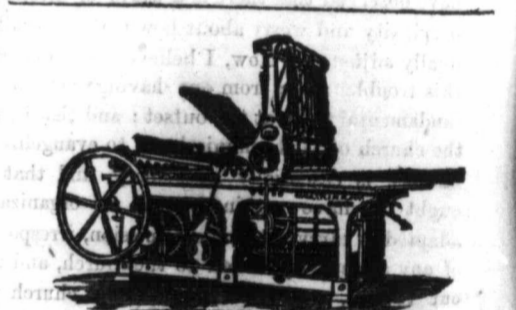
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