

New Brunswick at its close, whence he removed some years after to Upper Canada, and settled in the township of Woodhouse, where this son of his first saw the light.

Dr. Ryerson received the elements of a good education in his own neighbourhood, in which vicinity, we believe, one of the old style District Grammar Schools was established at an early day, and taught—if we have been rightly informed—first by a brother-in-law, and afterwards by his eldest brother, George Ryerson, Esq., educated at Union College, Schenectady, N. Y. Egerton subsequently, with the intention, it was believed, of devoting himself to the legal profession, attended the Classical School which flourished with considerable reputation fifty-five years ago in Hamilton, under the tuition of the scholarly Mr. Law, to whose training several of those afterwards distinguished in Canadian history owed their qualifications for public life. No one who has since become acquainted with Mr. Ryerson's legal and statesman-like cast and grasp of mind, will doubt that had he pursued the profession of the law instead of divinity, his career would have been as distinguished in that and its collateral occupations as it has been in the pathway to which early events gave him a bias.

He was early converted, and had become a member of the Methodist Church, in which two of his brothers were then ministers, perhaps three or four years. Furthermore, he was a licensed exhorter at the time of prosecuting his studies, as above mentioned. A vacancy had been created in the old Niagara Circuit by the sudden illness of the junior preacher, his own brother William, and he was persuaded by the Presiding Elder of the District, the Rev. Thomas Madden, to supply the disabled minister's lack of service. His compliance was the commencement of half a century of ministerial labour.

He entered on his duties in the circuit on Easter Sunday, 1825. His first sermon was preached at the "Thirty-Meeting House," from a text justly appropriate and of good augury as to his future success: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." At the last Quarterly Conference of that year he was recommended to be received on trial, and was