

preached the Gospel to the settlers on the St. Lawrence and Bay of Quinte; but the date of his appointment by the New York Conference is 1792. Of this first Preacher, we would be glad to learn something, especially of his subsequent history, but unhappily the writer has no record that he can consult, and tradition is also silent in reference to him in the Western parts of the Province, at least. He entered the ministry in 1789, but his name does not appear after 1792. Our sketches of his fellow labourers, which we append, are of necessity brief, as our space is limited, and as the stay of many of them did not exceed more than a year or two; incidents connected with them could not have been very many, or singularly important. We notice them in the order in which they came to the Province:

1792.—*Darius Dunham* entered the Ministry in New England 1788; travelled eight years in Canada, the first presiding Elder, and located at Napance, where he became a medical practitioner, and continued to serve the Church as a Local Preacher, to the close of life. He was a witty, blunt, honest, strong-minded man, capable of great endurance, and a good and successful Minister of the Gospel.

1794.—*James Coleman* received as an itinerant in 1791; three years afterwards volunteered for Canada, where he laboured zealously and effectively five years; formed many of the first societies in the western or Niagara Circuit, and left a memory long and even still sweetly embalmed in the hearts of the few early Methodists who survive; returned to the United States and continued his useful labours for many years; he visited Canada in 1831; was a kindly, amiable, and affectionate man.

1794.—*Elijah Woolsey* remained two years, then resumed his labours in the United States. We find him Presiding Elder of the Rhinebeck District in 1812.

1795.—*Sylvanus Keeler*, just entered the itinerancy and continued in the field till 1807, when he located and settled in township of Elizabethtown. He laboured faithfully and effectually in the capacity of a Local Minister until his death in 1825,—rendered good service in visiting the new settlements north of the Rideau River. He preached his last sermon at Boyd's Chapel, in the township of Lanark, from Isa. lxiv, 13, 14, "Therefore thus saith the Lord God, behold my servants shall eat, but ye, shall be hungry: behold my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold my servants shall rejoice but ye shall be ashamed, &c., &c." He was taken suddenly ill and died in the township of Kitley, on his return home. He was a zealous, holy man, of vigorous intellect, and delivered masculine truths with great power and effect. Some of his descendants are still living, and are members of the Wesleyan Church.