

trines and practice of Baptist churches, and could state them with great force and precision. On one occasion, many years ago, he replied to a Methodist minister from the pulpit of the Baptist church. He prepared his reply, to a large extent, when following the plough, thinking out his arguments, and writing them in his note book at the end of every row when his horses were resting. Some years after his reply was given he revised it, and it was published in our denominational paper and was regarded by wise thoughtful men as an able, concise, and common sense statement of Bible truth. He felt a warm interest in our missionary work. When the Convention West was formed, he was chosen as the first President, and he manifested a deep and warm interest in the work of the society till the close of his life.

The last meeting of the Convention he was able to attend was held in the city of Brantford. His presence in the meeting was noticed by the president, who mentioned the fact, and expressed the pleasure all felt in once more seeing their *first* President with them in the annual meeting. He was asked to favor them with a short address. He addressed the Convention at an afternoon session. I assisted him to the platform and sat beside him while he was speaking. The impression upon the audience was astonishing. I have seldom seen an audience so moved. His venerable appearance, his earnestness, his words, being his last words to his brethren of the Convention, all made a profound impression.

During the closing years of his life his health was poor, and he was at times very feeble, but he attended the services of the church and the prayer meetings until nearly the last. His mind was clear and he often told of his joys and hopes in a most delightful way. He died on the 17th of October, 1880, and was interred on the day before the meeting of the Convention, which met that year in the City of Toronto.

An outline of his life, character and work was submitted to the Convention in the form of a resolution which was moved and seconded by two of the oldest pastors. Kind and appreciatory words were spoken, the resolution adopted and a copy of the same ordered to be sent to his family.

Thus closed an honorable, useful, and beautiful life. "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance."

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