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In Memoriam.

REV. ENOCH WOOD, D.D.

SINCE the last number of the *OUTLOOK* went to press, the Church has been called to mourn the loss of one of her oldest and most distinguished ministers. For forty years Dr. Wood has been identified with the history and progress of Canadian Methodism, and for the greater part of that time was the guiding spirit of its missionary work. Some five or six years ago, growing infirmities compelled his retirement from active work, and from that time he resided quietly in his home at Davenport, where, on Tuesday, January 31st, he calmly fell asleep.

On the following Friday, the remains were conveyed to their last resting place in the Toronto Necropolis. The religious services at the family residence were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Potts, President of the Toronto Conference. Appropriate Scripture selections were read by Rev. Professor Reynar, the Rev. M. Fawcett gave a brief address, and the Rev. Dr. Carman led in prayer. The attendance was large, and included many representative men of both the ministry and laity. On the following Sunday

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were held. In the morning, the Rev. Dr. Potts preached an appropriate sermon in the Davenport Church. In the afternoon, a large representative congregation assembled in the Metropolitan Church, the Rev. Dr. Potts presiding. The Scriptures were read by the Rev. Dr. Stone, and the Rev. James Gray led in prayer, after which memorial addresses were delivered by the Rev. Drs. Williams and Sutherland. We append both addresses, as a loving tribute to the memory of a great and good man.

DR. WILLIAMS' ADDRESS.

I come to you to-day to speak of one who for forty years moved through the Church, and through the land, as a messenger of truth and righteousness; one who was singularly honoured of God and esteemed by men. It is right and fitting that we should recognize in commemorative service the departure of those who have touched us with veneration for goodness, and love for a life devoted to the interests of holiness and virtue; of those who had been in their day eminent in the Church as leaders and promoters of its enterprises,—whose counsels and efforts have created the sentiment, vitalized the ideas, quickened the impulses, and

expanded the faith which has led to the enlargement of the boundaries of the kingdom of God. Certainly we have a deep interest in the past. The thoughts of the past are with us, the achievements of the past are our heritage. The men of the past are with us; though their personal presence is no longer to our beholding, and we grieve for their departure, yet whatever is excellent and fair in their lives is hallowed in our memories, and by reflection becomes more intelligible to us, and forms a part of the lesson in truth and goodness God in His great providence is teaching us, and we are more impressed with the correctness of their action and are rendered more susceptible to the force of their character.

I first saw our departed friend in the old Adelaide Street Church at the Conference of 1847. At this distance of time he looms up in his individuality, a distinct figure, clear cut, grand and noble in outline, thoroughly English in build and appearance, somewhat over forty years of age. He had then been twenty-one years in the ministry, eighteen of which had been spent in the Province of New Brunswick, chiefly in the cities of St. John and Fredericton, in which places he is still remembered and spoken of by some of the older members of the Church with affectionate esteem.

Dr. Wood came to us at a very critical period of our history both politically and ecclesiastically. The country had hardly recovered from the effects of the rebellion of '37; the system of government introduced by the union of the Provinces was as yet on its trial; the agitation on the subject of the Clergy Reserves had not yet subsided; the breach in the union of the Canadian and English branches of the Wesleyan Church had lasted seven years, with its consequent unpleasantness. It was at this juncture the Rev. Enoch Wood came, a stranger to our Province and to the Methodist people. A new arrangement of the basis of union was about to be inaugurated, and the causes of the dissensions of years removed, in the accomplishment of which the appointment of Dr. Wood to the office of Superintendent of Missions was an important factor. From that time forward he identified himself with our work in this country. In the pulpit and on the platform he at once became popular; his vigorous intellect, sobriety of judgment and warm sympathy won for him the hearts of the people. In conjunction with others, he originated several measures of vast importance to Canadian Methodism, for the advancement of which he wisely planned and earnestly labored. As the years passed on his true worth to the Church became more and more manifest. To tenacity of purpose there was united a keen sagacity, a knowledge of men, an ability for adaptation to the work, and a wise discretion, which gave to him pre-eminence in the councils of the Church.

In 1851 he was elected and appointed President of the Conference, which office he continued to hold for eight years consecutively, his labors each year endearing him more and more to both ministers and people. The years of his administration were marked by evident tokens of Divine approval; six Districts had become twenty, the membership had more than doubled, what was known as the Eastern District became consolidated with the Western District, the receipts from the societies for benevolent purposes were largely augmented, and numbers of young men gave themselves to the work of the ministry. It is within the recol-