

As to *dogs* and *horses*, those trusty and useful animals, it is a matter of convenience, not absolute necessity, and seems to be a sort of recognition to which their domestic relation and excellencies entitle them. Kindly natures will extend this to other domestic animals; witness Cowper's rabbits, Southey's cats, and Bishop Morris' cow and hens. A very common practice is to give them abbreviated human names; or, which is a whimsical exhibition of taste, hard to be accounted for, they often receive the open, sonorous names of Roman Senators and heroes. But, to our notion, some name significant of the color, or character of the animal, is more appropriate and proper. Black, Bright, Bay, Dapple, Grey, Tan, Filly, Spot, for horses, unless you would indicate their disposition, as Bishop Morris does the meekness of his family horse, by calling him *Job**; and Bounce, Driver, Lurcher, Swift, Rover, Rough, Rowser, and Yelper, for dogs are preferable to those above referred to.

If the above should be considered trifling, we draw attention to the necessity of getting more suitable and expressive names for our country churches, than that of calling them after the nearest neighbour, who is often no more deserving of the honor than any other one of the many who assisted to build it. The old *Rock-Chapel* stands as suggestive of what we mean. We may return to this at another time. O.

Our Canadian Work and Ministry.

SKETCH OF A WESLEYAN MINISTER.

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We are persuaded that we have now before us one of the best subjects for a sketch that we have hitherto attempted to take. But as our acquaintance is not very intimate or of very recent date, we can promise no more than an imperfect outline. In person he is tall and of martial erectness,—dresses with taste and neatness becoming his age and position,—and on the whole the external man might well be deemed a model of a plain and venerable Methodist Preacher.

He is the very essence of politeness and civility, and a most shrewd, keen, cautious observer of human nature and passing events. His aim and study seem to have been to please everybody, and displease nobody; singularly quiet, unobtrusive, and “clothed with humility.” He has passed through a long ministerial life in the discharge of duties which in their very nature must have been attended with difficulties sufficient to

* We strongly demur to this liberty with sacred names.—*Eds.*