

He left England in 1835, and after spending one season in New York (where he fearlessly denounced the institution of slavery), came to Canada in 1836 and settled in the neighborhood of Guelph. Here he remained about seven years, and in association with the late James Hough, Esq., and others, founded Methodism in Guelph. He was yet a local preacher, but so constant and fruitful were his efforts that when the first stationed minister came to Guelph he found a congregation and membership already formed.

In the year 1842 Mr. Fear was called to the regular work of the ministry, and was actively employed for thirty-four years. On every circuit he had seals to his ministry, and not a few extensive revivals resulted from his labors.

He was a strong man physically, had a firm grip of the truth, and was well read in our theology. He observed and enforced our discipline with unbending strictness. As a preacher he was distinguished by a clear ringing voice, a vigorous style, fervency of appeal, doctrinal soundness and much spirited power and success. He was a sturdy soldier of Christ, intense in his convictions, and in his utterances willing to sacrifice everything for the truth's sake. He was a true-hearted friend, loved most by those who knew him best.

In 1876 he retired from the active work and spent the closing years of his life in Elora. Here as a member of the Church he was faithful to the services and continued to preach while strength remained. His last sermon was preached on his ninety-third birthday from the text, "Thou wilt show me the path of life, in thy presence is fulness of joy, at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." (Ps. xvi. 11.) His last distinct testimony was given a short time before his death, when to a brother he said: "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin—cleanseth, present tense; not *shall* cleanse, but *cleanseth*. Glory be to God! I have lived in the experience of a clean heart for more than fifty years; the devil still tempts but God is my refuge." He died in "the full assurance of faith," and also in "the full assurance of understanding," old in years, but also fully ripe for the Kingdom of heaven.

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Was born November 26th, 1821, in this province, then known as Upper Canada. Of his younger days we know nothing, only that he was converted in early life, and joined that branch of our beloved Methodism which bore the distinctive name of Episcopal. By that Church he was licensed to exhort in 1843, but it soon became apparent that he possessed gifts and graces for more extended usefulness, and he was admitted on trial in the Bay of Quinte Conference in 1844, and for twenty-two years did effective service within the bounds of the Methodist Episcopal Church. As a preacher he was clear and practical, as a pastor he excelled, and his kind and affectionate manner endeared him to all among whom he labored. His failing health obliged him to ask for a superannuation while still comparatively young, still as his strength allowed he continued to labor in his

Master's work. For several years he continued on the Board. When his Master's work was over, many other things were recovered, and on the 18th of March he was washed through to say, I am the final hour.