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THE LATE REVEREND MR. CASE.

Two numbers of the Notices have contained parts of an "Account of Alnwick Mission," and at the conclusion of the last, it is said, "Our next will shew the further progress of this great work among the Indians of Bay of Quinte." It was in the heart of the esteemed writer to continue the valuable narrative, and knowing the deeply interesting character of the facts to be recorded, our expectations were anxious; but his Master forbids the narrator's further use of the pen; our readers are disappointed; and instead of a continuation on this page, we have from the Providence of God, an event painful and admonitory. The venerable WILLIAM CASE has finished his course!

Submissive to Thy just decree,
We all shall soon from earth remove;
But when Thou sendest, Lord, for me,
O let the messenger be love!

As an exemplary christian, a faithful servant of God, and primitive pioneer and unwearied evangelist of the Wesleyan Church and Missionary Society of Canada, much could be said; and throughout the Colony, and in the United States, much will be said of one well known, and warmly loved. Unadorned in his piety as he was in person, its very simplicity was taken as a proof of sincerity, and its ripeness, earnestness and uniformity of manifestation strengthened our confidence. The doctrines he believed and proclaimed, were never doubtful, never mysticised by him, and the scriptural methods he adopted to impress them, were marked, and eminently efficient; and their effect was aided by a judicious, close, lively, friendly manner, so that many not only heard the word from his lips, but turned unto the Lord. He was a Wesleyan in faith, spirit, discipline, catholicity and enterprise. He was an ardent friend of the young preachers, some of whom were led to Calvary by his ministry, and of youth generally; and the elevation of the Canadian pulpit, Wesleyan and otherwise, and the popularity and influence of Victoria College, and the rapid accession made to Sabbath, Day and Superior Schools, gave him great joy. Our noble Wesleyan Book Room, and other instrumentalities were his admiration. What was Canadian interested him, for he was a patriot.

He had naturally a vigorous mind, and its capacity was enlarged by study, reading, and keen observation—not learned, but cultivated, and sufficient for the various and important duties he was appointed to discharge. He was not garrulous, but communicative; not reserved, but exceedingly cautious; not imperious, but independent and dignified. Brought into the path of Itinerancy fifty years ago, by an unerring hand, and that hand often appearing