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SCRAPS OF METHODIST HISTORY.

1801.—*Samuel Draper*, served in Canada only one year, but continued in the work in his native country until his death in 1824. He was a useful preacher, and bore faithfully the heaviest labours of our cause in the day of its struggles. Among the first Methodist Preachers were the greatest evangelists, the greatest heroes, and the greatest wits of their day,—anomalous examples of the co-existence of self-sacrificing piety and habitual humour. In not a few instances this good nature degenerated into inveterate pleasantry, and impaired their usefulness. *Samuel Draper*, with his unquestionable piety, was an example of this infirmity. But it is added, “Whatever infirmities may have attached themselves to him as a *man*, as a minister hundreds will have cause to rejoice that they ever heard his voice.”

1801.—*Seth Crowel* commenced his itinerant life in the twentieth year of his age, and remained in Canada two years, sharing largely in the great revival of this time. *Dr. Bangs* says, “He was a young man of great zeal, and of most indefatigable industry, and possessed superior talents. He had done good and brave service in the itinerant field. He was a great sufferer from nervous disease, but, though his trials were very severe, he at length triumphed over them all, and departed into his final rest in peace, July 6th., 1826.

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