

settled in Packingham, in 1832. He was converted at the early age of twelve years, under the soul-saving ministry of the Rev. Fossey Tackaberry. He owed much to godly parentage, his father, especially, being a strong-minded, exemplary man, who exerted a good religious influence among his neighbours, living to a patriarchal age, and being revered as a patriarch. He owes everything to the impulse which religion gave to his robust mind, and to his own force of character and studious diligence under the blessing of Almighty God. He gave indication of gifts for usefulness at an early age, despite a modesty amounting to bashfulness; but he was thrust into the itinerant work sorely against his own convictions of fitness. No sooner, however, did he enter on a circuit, than he gave unbounded satisfaction as a preacher; his good voice, sterling worth, thorough acquaintance with the Bible and Wesleyan theology, and a fruitful, inventive mind, gave his sermons a charm for richness, depth, variety and freshness, which made them very agreeable and profitable to hear.

His first year, 1841-42, was spent on the old Richmond Circuit, in Canada East, as a Chairman's Supply, where he remained the next year. The next seven years were occupied in such good rural circuits as L'Orignal, Matilda, Hull, or Aylmer, and Kemptville. Then came his first station, Prescott; after which he was appointed to Brockville. Up to this point, so great was his modesty, that his powers and capabilities were unknown beyond his own district. Hamilton, just then, needed a strong man as Superintendent, and Mr. Elliott was removed from Brockville, where he had only been one year, against the earnest remonstrance of the people, to that city. Though acutely tried while there by the loss of the wife of his youth, and his daughter, it was the beginning of an uninterrupted onward and upward progress, continued to the present hour. At the close of his three years in Hamilton he was elected Secretary of Conference, removed to the old city of Quebec, and appointed to the Chairmanship of that District, which office he has filled on various districts from that day to this. In 1866 he was nominated by ballot as President of the Canada Conference, and appointed by the British Conference, and took the presidential chair at the Conference in Hamilton the next year, the duties of which he