

## Practical Papers.

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### EXAMPLES OF EMINENT SANCTITY FROM CANADIAN METHODIST HISTORY.

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MAITLAND MCCRAKEN.



F this eminently holy man I have been striving to receive enough particulars to present his example before our readers, but I fear it has been almost vainly done. Like some of the bright examples in the Holy Scripture there is enough to arouse and encourage us, but not enough to satisfy our curiosity. When I first became converted in "Little" York, in 1824, that is to say fifty years ago, I had my ardent desire for an enlarged Christian experience and a blameless life influenced by overhearing a young man, several years older than myself, who had lived in Kingston, conversing with occasional visitors from that town about the eminent holiness of a "Brother McCracken." Subsequently, when I came to prepare my biographical history, I found that this person lived in Montreal, about the year 1816. The search of the Rev. George Ferguson's Journal, "the preaching soldier," led me to write the following paragraph: "We have seen that by the kindness of friends in Upper and Lower Canada, he (Ferguson) had obtained a discharge, dated May 10th, 1816. The Montreal Quarterly Meeting recommended him to the General Conference, to be received on trial for the ministry. The Paris Session of that Conference, June 16th of that year, acted on that recommendation, and appointed him to the Ottawa circuit, of which appointment he received information from the lips of the Rev. Wm. Brown, the preacher appointed to Montreal. The principal appointment on the circuit to which he was sent was only about thirty miles from the city; nevertheless, to equip himself for the itinerancy, and transport his family, was then a formidable undertaking with the means at his disposal. But God appeared for him, and raised him up friends; *the heavenly-minded Maitland McCracken left a twenty dollar note in his hand at his final hand shaking,*" &c.