

conversion his inquiring mind was greatly interested and stimulated to work for God, by reading the lives of some of the early Methodists, especially those of the preachers. Can we place before the minds of young converts any better literature than those marvellous memoirs? The preaching desire was thus awakened in the breast of the young convert. Had it not been for these intensely interesting writings, Mr. Currie might have been to-day, instead of preaching the gospel, completely engrossed in commercial pursuits, for which he has a peculiar aptitude.

He was greatly favoured in his early religious career in having, at different periods, the wise counsel and godly example of such class leaders as Michael Colter, Thomas Pickard, George Thompson and Judge Wilmot. For some years he was the Secretary of the model Sabbath-school, of which the Judge was, and still is, the Superintendent.

Fifteen years after Mr. Currie had entered the Ministry he was appointed Superintendent of the circuit where he had been born, and where he had grown up to manhood; and had under his charge, among others, three of his early class leaders. One of those leaders had now become the Governor of the Province, without having relinquished, for a political office, the more congenial offices in connection with the Church of Christ. This is as it should be: truly Christian men at the helm of affairs, secular and religious. "The saints shall possess the kingdom." Is it not a significant and pleasing sign of the times, in our day, that the great ones of the earth, including even royalty, are found in the midst of revival scenes, such as Methodism has been familiar with throughout her entire history?

The intellectual powers of Mr. Currie were judiciously developed under the careful training of the celebrated self-taught linguist, Rev. Charles Tupper, D.D., father of the distinguished statesman, and other preceptors who presided over the Baptist Academy at Fredericton. It was there he obtained, in connection with diligent attention to his instructions and studies, the elements of a good English and classical education.

For a time mercantile pursuits interested his ardent nature, but grace prevailed over worldly desire, and in 1853 he gave himself fully to the work of the ministry in connection with the Methodist