

than depressed; and if he took all possible care of the Israelitish people by virtue of his office as priest, why should he not exercise the same functions upon all questions bearing upon the spiritual and eternal welfare of those committed to his oversight as a minister of Christ? Had he enjoyed the advantages of a careful, wise superintendency at the commencement of his Methodist career for a few years, there can be no doubt he would have avoided the occasional ruggedness which disturbed his own peace, and was not promotive of the Church's permanent welfare. And yet, whatever he said or worked out, according to his own convictions, no one ever moved with greater singleness of purpose, and with an eye to the glory of the Saviour, whom he so ardently loved, than Dr. Charles Freshman.

"Defects!" and where is the man who is free from them? Is it Moses, under the Old Law, when he smashed the stones, or Peter, under the New, when he swore and denied his Master? No slander ever brought a blush to Dr. Freshman's bright countenance. Jew or Christian, the social attributes of his character were stainless. But his whole organization was impulsive; what he did was with earnestness; and if those with whom he worked were not equally as quick in perception and action, then he might show himself chafed and impatient.

His progress in the command of what the French call our "hard-mouthed language" was very rapid. When he first appeared on the platform of the Kingston Conference, any one might have observed how the mighty workings of his mind struggled with the obstruction of an imperfect knowledge of the language in which he was endeavouring to convey his gushing thoughts. By the exercise of his great mental endowments and energy, he became a powerful and eloquent speaker; tinged with the idiom of a foreigner, but correct and forcible. If he were a "miracle of grace" to my apprehension, as to his conversion, he was not less to me a surprising example of what the human mind is capable of accomplishing in the face of appalling difficulties. Dr. Freshman was forty years old when brought to the knowledge of Christ, and yet he soon spoke and wrote the English language with singular effect. His "Autobiography" required little alteration. Two of the principal