

The Rev. Isaac Brock Howard died in Toronto on Sunday evening, January 31st. He was in the 68th year of his age, and the 46th of his ministry. His itinerant career began at Oxford in 1840. After labouring there and at Hamilton and Toronto, he spent some time at Victoria College, after which he laboured with great acceptability and usefulness in Belleville, Kingston, Peterborough, Dundas, Brantford, Montreal, St. Catharines, Brockville, Port Hope, and Guelph. In some of those important circuits he spent more than one term. For eleven years he filled the office of Chairman of District. He was also Secretary of Conference one year, and for several years in succession he discharged the laborious duties of Journal Secretary. He was a faithful expounder of God's word, but he greatly excelled as pastor of the flock. He was a house-going minister, and was particularly attentive to the poor and afflicted. It is no marvel that he was beloved by all classes. His kind, affable manner won universal favour. He was very successful as a revivalist. For weeks in succession his circuits were scenes of religious fervour, so that he has left a great number of spiritual children behind him, while many others would, no doubt, welcome him to the better country. Failing health compelled him to ask for a superannuated relation in 1877. For a few years he

resided at Millbrook, where greatly by his instrumentality a beautiful church was erected. Here he also suffered a great trial in the death of his beloved wife. Hoping to recuperate his health he went to California, where for a few years he supplied vacant churches and won for himself great favour. His ministrations, though performed in the midst of great weakness, were greatly owned of God.

He returned to his beloved Canada during last summer and was favoured with a comfortable home at the residence of his son-in-law, Judge Macdougall, where everything possible was done to make the evening of life happy. He was ripening for heaven, so that all who had the privilege of his society were satisfied that his sun would set without a cloud. His faith in Christ never wavered, and when the end came, he was last heard to say, "It is all right." "Mark the perfect man, behold the upright, the end of that man is peace."

Cuthbert Bainbridge, Esq., who had attained to the great age of eighty-two, has also joined the Church triumphant. The present writer knew him well. He was a man of great enterprise and was honoured with much success in business. His contributions to Church objects were princely. His last words were, "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

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