

massive and well-balanced head—just that medium size and weight which gives a person strength without unwieldiness—and symmetrical throughout. His physiognomy, or facial proportions, were equally good,—full brow, well-shaped nose, brilliant eyes, curved lips, and a dimpled double chin projected at an angle which indicated push and determination. He had evidently inherited a good physique from his parents, and inhaled vitality with the pure air of the Welsh mountains. His having been early thrown on the world, and having to support himself by his own personal manual exertions, were in nowise unfriendly to his physical development. His possession of a fine voice and ear, with a love for the practice of singing, further developed his chest. The writer first made his acquaintance at a singing practice connected with the Prescott Wesleyan choir. The good habits which followed upon his espousal of religion at the early age of nineteen, joined to the early adoption, under the heroic Wilkinson, of teetotal principles, in which he has persevered to the present, conspired to give him the sound mind in the sound body. It would have been far different with him if he had enfeebled his youth with “hot rebellious liquors.” And am I not justified in placing among the causes of his present vigour, an early marriage to a most excellent wife? He has been twice most happily married, and has a fine family of active, promising sons and daughters. In this connection I may say that my subject seems, with some change of appearance from the lapse of years, as vigorous as the first day I saw him. He is perhaps a little heavier, but just as erect. His brown hair is now thoroughly silvered, but it is quite as abundant. His age is fifty-eight.

He was noted for an active, inquiring mind, and a great fondness for books, inquiry, and discussion, from the time of his identification with the Church. This accounts for the development and vigour of a mind originally strong and active. He may now be pronounced decidedly intellectual, not dreamily so, but logical and argumentative. His intellectuality would abate his popularity as a preacher—for the most of hearers like not profundity—if it were not for a large amount of constitutional vehemence and Christian fervour. As matters go in our Canadian connexion, Brother Williams ranks among the first class preachers of his day.