

Gen. Middleton.

Moved by James Doyle, seconded by James Lawson—

That as a Conference we deeply deplore the recent sad events in the North-West Territories, which has entailed the destruction of property, in many cases hindered the work of the missionaries, and incurred the loss of many precious lives.

And we also express our unbounded admiration for General Middleton and the officers and men under his command, who on the line of march, in the camps, and on the field of battle have shown such sterling qualities of courage and manliness, of which the entire Dominion is justly proud. We also earnestly pray that the God of all comfort may bestow His sweetest consolation upon the widow and orphan and all who have lost their loved ones in this terrible war.

Further, we also place on record our devout gratitude to Almighty God for the great success which has attended our arms in putting down the rebellion in the North-West.

Moved by A. Spiers, Esq., seconded by the Rev. W. J. Hewitt, and

Resolved,—That this Conference recognizes the great loss sustained through the death of its first General Superintendent during the past Conference year.

The late Reverend Samuel Dwight Rice, D.D., was one of the most distinguished men in the history of Canadian Methodism, of which, it may be truly said, a great part he was. In his early manhood his hand lay upon the forming Church in the Provinces that border on the Atlantic. His last pastoral charge was a leading Church in this city; and his thought was largely engaged in the formation of our Conference. No man could feel a more intense interest in the Missionary work in this western country than was cherished by him. Our wide field of action, and our men, had in him a warm and constant friend. He was a safe and helpful counsellor, and the work of his hand will abide on the pages of our Discipline, and in the impressions left by his strong personality upon the hearts of living men. The educational work of our Church is greatly indebted to him for its reputation and success. We remember, and shall cherish, the grand points in his stately character, and pray that we may emulate the clearness and steadiness of his aim, and the uniform consistency of his life.

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