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EXAMPLES OF EMINENT SANCTITY FROM CANADIAN METHODIST HISTORY.

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HIS heavenly-minded man deserves to stand at the head of this series, not only on account of chronological priority, but because of his transcendent devotedness to God. There are many things about his history which we would have been glad to know, but our curiosity cannot be gratified. His intense absorption in devotion and soul-saving were known and read by all who crossed his pathway during his brief sojourn in this vale of tears. He died at the age of twenty-eight.

In 1796, six years after the entrance of the first itinerant into Canada, four preachers were appointed to the Province. One of them, denominated the "Elder," had been in the country since '92, this was the notable Darius Dunham; James Coleman had entered two years before;—the other two were young men of two and three years standing respectively. They were both remarkable men, each in his own peculiar way. These were Samuel Coate and Calvin Wooster. Coate was of Quaker parentage, a native of New Jersey, dapper, but beautiful in person, with golden locks falling upon his shoulders, polite in manners, well educated, and eloquent and powerful in preaching to a degree seldom equalled. Under one sermon, some years after, at a camp-meeting, fifty souls were converted. He was undeniably pious, but not so pre-eminently so as Wooster. Coate lived, alas! to measurably outlive his piety, for a time, although he found mercy in the final hour. Wooster wore himself out in his Master's cause and found an early grave; but died triumphantly, and the savor of his piety has been wafted down to our own time, to quicken our aspirations after "a closer walk with God."