

Taken as a whole, it is a story of heroic endeavor inspired by a lofty purpose, with many a romantic incident and a pathos peculiarly its own. It is the story of an intense and aggressive evangelism, seeking the lost sheep in the wilderness and bringing wandering prodigals home to God; the story of Christ's redeeming love constraining men and women to lives of self-sacrificing devotion unsurpassed in the history of the Church; of marvellous triumphs of divine grace in the transformation of notorious sinners into rejoicing saints, and of happy and useful lives ending on triumphant deathbeds; the story of intellectual emancipation, wrought by the Gospel, finding its legitimate outlet in the establishment of schools, the founding of colleges, the dissemination of literature, the fostering of intellectual pursuits. Last, but not least, it is the story of a God-inspired movement for the unification of Methodism, prophetic, it may be, of a coming day when throughout Christendom there shall be "one flock, one Shepherd."

The preparation of this little work has been a labor of love, and it is commended to the young people of Canadian Methodism with the confident hope that it will receive careful study at their hands. There is reason to believe that our people, as a whole, are but sparingly acquainted with the history and achievements of their own denomination, and take but a languid interest in its undertakings. This ought not so to be, and it rests with our young people to remove the reproach and promote the widest possible acquaintance with a history that is full of inspiration.

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