

and for several years chairman of district on which he was stationed; was President of Toronto Conference in 1879. After leaving the *Guardian* office in 1868, he was stationed at Oshawa, London, Cobourg, Lindsay, Belleville. Here his failing health led him to seek a superannuated relation, where he lived and died, honored and beloved by all. On February 10th, 1896, he passed away, and devout men followed him to the grave.

Dr. Jeffers was twice married—first, to Miss Jane Frith, of Ottawa, in 1841; and second (after several years of widowhood), to Miss Jane Dougall, of Picton, who preceded him several years ago to the better land. Two sons and one daughter by the first marriage, and one daughter by the second, survive him, and fill honorable and useful positions in the Church and communities in which they reside.

Dr. Jeffers was possessed of remarkable conversational powers. It is certainly a very fine gift to be a good talker, and to use such gifts wisely, discreetly and profitably, is of the first importance. He could do this, and his mental versatility, with his wide religious, historic and scientific knowledge, rendered him a most genial companion. As a leading member of an old-fashioned missionary deputation, no one was more welcome, both to his brethren in the ministry and in the families of the laity.

He was a wonderful and most attractive preacher. As such he excelled. His presence always attracted large audiences. His forceful speaking and powers of illustration made his sermons exceedingly interesting. His power of oratory, in sermons and other public addresses, on some occasions rose to a very high pitch. He had a fine impressive presence, a rich, full, clear, ringing voice, which sounded distinctly to the utmost limit of the largest congregation. The writer of this notice recalls an instance at a camp-meeting in the County of Peel some forty years ago. On the Sabbath the rain fell in torrents; none of the seats could be occupied in front of the stand. He preached twice with amazing energy, standing under a shade on the stand, while the people listened, and wept, and praised God under the shadow of their tents. Some remarkable scenes followed.

Another feature in his character was his taste for and powers of sacred song. Many of the old-fashioned airs and salvation songs of Methodism, which have been modernized, and are now to the fore in a remarkable degree, assumed by not a few to be recent creations, were sung by Dr. Jeffers and others with great fervor and blessed results half a century ago. Well does the present writer remember a scene illustrating this phase of his character at the above-named camp-meeting. After the public service had closed on Monday evening, a few collected together in one of the larger tents to practise some of those songs of salvation so dear to Methodist hearts. The clear, sonorous, magnificent bass of Dr. Jeffers was heard ringing out above all the rest; and soon attracted almost everyone from their tents. This continued until the small hours of the morning amid the tears and hallelujahs, and shouts of glory of the surrounding multitude. It was a blessed scene. I wonder does he recall any of those since he has joined in the sweeter, nobler strains above. We follow hard after, soon to solve this and many other questions of all-absorbing interest.

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