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Just as the last number of the **METHODIST MAGAZINE AND REVIEW** was going to press the news came of the sudden death of Bro. Phillips, after a severe surgical operation in the Montreal General Hospital. For the past twelve months Mr. Phillips has been a frequent contributor to these pages, and was otherwise well-known to their readers and to Canadian Methodism. For seven years, in connection with heavy pastoral work in most important city stations, he maintained the *Canadian Methodist Review* until, at the time of its amalgamation with the **METHODIST MAGAZINE**, it held rank among the leading Methodist periodicals of the day.

As a thinker and writer Bro. Phillips occupied a high position among his brethren, while to all who knew him intimately he was especially endeared by his manly sympathy and deep consecration to his work. He was born, in 1847, in

Prince Edward county, of U. E. Loyalist parentage. From these he inherited the profound earnestness and strength of his moral and religious nature. He received his primary education under the Public School system of Ontario, and at the early age of sixteen left the farm for the work of the teacher. In this calling he was trained for his life work in both moral and intellectual development. While in this work he was converted at the Brundage settlement, near Trenton, one of the old historic scenes of Methodist revival and camp-meeting power.

After six years' work as a teacher he left his school to engage in the temperance movement which was then being pushed forward in all parts of the Province. A year in this work brought him under the notice of the authorities of the Methodist Church in the West where he was then working, and in 1870 he entered the ministry as a probationer, his