

according to His mercy he saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost; and that perfect love casteth out fear. We know that he preached Jesus and the resurrection in the demonstration of the Spirit and power, and that through his labours multitudes were added to the Church of such as shall be saved. Fellow soldier, prince, hero, saint; may we follow thee as thou didst follow Christ.

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II.

*PERSONAL REMINISCENCES OF DR. JOHN A. WILLIAMS.*

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THE death of Dr. Williams has come home to me with a deep sense of personal loss. He was one of my oldest and most intimate ministerial friends. Probably with no other minister have I so frequently and so freely discussed all questions relating to our Church interests, to current theological thought, and to public affairs. Anything I could write or say with regard to these times of brotherly fellowship would be only a faint and imperfect echo of realities that words cannot adequately express.

When I came to the Elm Street Church, in this city, in 1865, he was in charge of Adelaide Street; and we met frequently in the "preachers' meeting" and on other occasions. Previous to that time my acquaintance with him was limited to meeting him in our Annual Conferences, where I knew him more as an independent critic of the administration than as an administrator. It seems to be only a few years ago since I remember him speaking on some matter in a half apologetic way, because, as he said, he was "the youngest Chairman in the Conference." In our association in Toronto, he impressed me as more ready to do battle for his views than to conciliate those who opposed him. With the one exception of a common strong interest in the great current questions in theology, there was nothing then that gave promise of the confidential intimacy that has from year to year grown closer and stronger, till death broke the chords of our friendship. As neither he nor I was distinguished for a plastic or yielding disposition, it has always been a surprise to me, and something I could not satisfactorily account for, that there should have been almost unbroken harmony in our views on all living questions, theological, ecclesiastical and political. We almost invariably found ourselves on the same side in our Annual and General Conferences.