

year at Drummondville, at the end of which time he was needed in Hamilton, where he was the colleague of the Rev. Dr. Harper three years. Then he had charge of Yorkville three years, at the end of which time he was as many years in the important Richmond Street Circuit, Toronto; whence he stepped into Montreal Centre, where, however, Connexional demands allowed him to remain only a year and a half, since which time he has been entrusted with general Connexional offices alone.

For such situations he has proved himself unusually well adapted. He filled the Secretary's office in the old United Conference two years in succession—that is to say, in 1870 and 1871. He ably filled the appointment of fraternal delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, which assembled in Brooklyn, New York, 1872. At the first General Conference of the Methodist Church in Canada, in 1874, he was elected the Secretary-Treasurer of the Missionary Society, in the place of the Rev. Dr. Taylor, who had previously resigned. At the second General Conference, in 1878, he was elected Secretary of that legislative body, and re-elected Secretary of the Missionary Society by acclamation. In his present position he has been necessitated, in supervising and furthering the missionary department of the work, to take long, frequent, and laborious if not perilous journeys; he has travelled through most of the Dominion, and beyond it—from Bermuda to Manitoba, and from the cities of the frontier to the missions in the wilds of the interior, and is now about to extend his missionary journeyings to the Rocky Mountains.

He has been a very pronounced and active friend of the Temperance reformation during all his public life; and since his attainment of prominent positions in the body, along with some other matured and still vigorous men, he has done a great deal to throw the weight of our vast Connexion into the Temperance scale. For a time he was at the head, as president, of the most comprehensive Temperance organization of the land.

In May, 1879, he received, along with two others, whose recognition reflected honour on the institution itself, the degree of Doctor in Divinity from his own Alma Mater, Victoria University. It may be well here to say, that Alexander Sutherland has pursued the true course of rising—he has been pure, faithful, modest, unsolicitous of honours and office, but has had dignity enough