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SCRAPS OF METHODIST HISTORY.

For the gratification of the many who are deeply interested in the early history of the Methodist Church in Canada, we have compiled the following tables from the Minutes of Conference. We take as the first period in our history, from the appointment of Revs. Messrs. Losee and Dunham in 1792—who were the first regular Preachers—to the war of 1812. We also furnish the names of all those appointed to labour in Canada during that period, with short sketches appended.

This country was then considered a very remote and toilsome field of Missionary labour. Perhaps we have only a very inadequate perception of the hardships and privations incidental to the long and perilous journey of these Missionaries, which occupied some weeks in passing through lonely and unfrequented forests. Hezekiah C. Wooster and Samuel Coate, who came together, lodged on their way twenty-one nights in the woods. It is stated in the Biographical notice of Rev. Thos. Whitehead, that as late as the year 1806, he was six weeks in his journey from Albany to Niagara, following rivers, and other waters, in an open boat, accompanied by his wife and six children, and that they subsisted for a greater part of the time on boiled wheat. On the arrival of these Missionaries, though many of their privations were terminated, yet still they had great