

beneath the surface not brought to notice by utterance. He had nothing whatever in the way of cant about him. Charles never made the inconsistencies of others any excuse for defects in himself. He had a high regard for true virtue, and never swerved from the Christian faith. It was a common thing for him to playfully disparage his own virtues before others, and thereby misrepresent his real convictions.

About a year after settling in Toronto, Charles and family became members of the congregation of the Metropolitan Church during the pastorate of Rev. John Potts, D.D. It was after some looking about this became their Church home, and the result was gratifying to Charles. His preference was for the Methodist Church in which he had been reared, and which he regarded above all the others. In June, 1882, Rev. Hugh Johnston, M.A., B.D.—a college mate and intimate personal friend of Charles—was appointed pastor of the Metropolitan Church. The old-time acquaintance was renewed, and close, endearing friendship enjoyed. In the month of December of this year Charles and wife united with the Church. The father and his family were received by letter at the same time. It was a memorable day—the whole family, eight in all, standing at the communion rail and being welcomed into the Church. The event had been delayed on account of the illness of the father, and it was doubly joyful because of his being sufficiently recovered to be present. Charles' connection with the Church was a step taken with mature deliberation and thought, after the matter had been carefully considered in all its bearings. As in everything he entered into, he counted the cost and measured the consequences. His long residence from the church prevented him from as frequent an attendance upon the services as he would had circumstances been more favorable. Still, his pew was seldom unoccupied at the Sabbath morning worship, and he was often seen at other gatherings of God's people; nor was his presence unknown at the prayer-meetings. He had a warm interest in the movement for the organic union of the various branches of the Methodist Church in Canada, and rejoiced in its final success.

The extremely close application of Charles to business gave him but little or no time for outside calls. It really took up too much of his time and attention and occupied so much of his thought that he could not leave his business at the office. Responsibilities grew upon him, and he could not see how to shake them off. This ceaseless