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PORTRAIT OF THE REV. HENRY WILKES, D.D.

It is with unfeigned pleasure that we present our subscribers with the beautiful photographic portrait of the Rev. HENRY WILKES, D.D., pastor of Zion Church, Montreal, promised in the Prospectus of the present volume. The principal points in the history of one to whom Canadian Congregationalists are so largely indebted, cannot fail to be deeply interesting.

Dr. Wilkes was born in Birmingham, June 21, 1805. In youth he enjoyed the advantage of a good education, and the inestimable blessing of Christian training. Habits of business were early formed, having been called to make one or two journies in England on behalf of his father's manufacturing establishment, before fifteen years of age; thus acquiring a facility for prompt and energetic action, which has proved of great service in the missionary operations of our denomination. His family came to Canada in 1820. The subject of our sketch remained in York (Toronto) till Sept., 1822, when he went to Montreal, and became the youngest clerk in a large mercantile establishment. Five years of clerkship and one of partnership brings us to 1828, when he relinquished these pursuits and proceeded to Scotland to study for the Christian ministry. He had united with the American Presbyterian Church in 1826. At the University of Glasgow he took the A.M. degree, and pursued professional studies at the Theological Academy, then under the presidency of the distinguished Dr. Wardlaw, and the revered Greville Ewing. West George Street Chapel, Glasgow, lives in the memory of many of God's people as the scene of distinguished evangelical and philanthropic events, and there took place the ordination as an Evangelist of Henry Wilkes, in April, 1832: the summer of that year was spent in Canada. Returning to Scotland he was settled as pastor in Albany Street Church, Edinburgh, April 10, 1833; announcing that he intended to go to Canada, whenever arrangements were made by the British Congregational Churches to assist the work there. While student and during his ministry in Edinburgh, he was the instrument of directing the attention of a number of Congregational ministers to Canada, among whom were, Rev. Joseph Gibbs; Rev. John Smith, A.M.; Rev. Rich. Miles; Rev. David Murdoch; Rev. Adam Lillie.

Early in 1836 he received a call from the church in Montreal either to become their pastor or to endeavour to secure one for them—and about the same time an announcement from London, that if he would return to Canada as a pioneer and agent, the Colonial Missionary Society should be formed. Confronted with these applications he resigned his charge in April, 1836, and pro-