

from a needlessly wasteful expenditure of his mental and physical energies, and what must be an abiding trust in Divine support.

Although trained to usefulness as a Wesleyan local preacher in England, and sent into the work by the home Connexion, all his ministerial life has been spent in the colonies, from which circumstance he has become thoroughly colonial in his preferences. His first three years of missionary work were devoted to the West Indies, in two several islands, namely, Montserrat and St. Kitts; and the intermediate eighteen years, between the close of that period and his coming to this Province, he spent in the Province of New Brunswick. Excepting Miramichi, where he was stationed two years, he alternated during the remaining sixteen years between the cities of Fredericton and St. John, in all of which places he earned the esteem and love and confidence of all who knew him. This was early shown by his election, when comparatively a young man, to the Chair of his District, in which office he was continued until his designation by the Missionary Committee and English Conference, upon the restoration of the Union, to the office of Superintendent of Missions in Canada West, an office of which he continued the sole incumbent till its extinction. Since then he has been the senior honorary Missionary Secretary of the united Methodist Church of Canada, whose missions extend from the Bermudas to Japan, and from the New Credit to the Lake of the Woods and the borders of Alaska.

In 1851, upon the removal of the Rev. Dr. Richey, on the recommendation by vote of the Canada Conference, he was appointed its President, in addition to his other responsible duties, in which office he was continued by the joint action of the British and Canadian Conferences, from year to year, for seven consecutive years, that is, till 1858. In 1862-3, consequent upon the sickness and death of the Rev. Dr. Stinson, he was elected to the Presidential function in the Canada Connexion. It is needless to remark, that under the present extended order of things, he was appointed first President of the Toronto Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada.

This will be the place to say that Dr. Wood was a very satisfactory presiding officer—wise and discriminating, well used to deliberative proceedings, with few promulgated theories of his own to commit him, with very little inclination to interfere in the debates; impartial, dignified, self-restrained and good-tempered.

Dr. Wood possessed all the attainments necessary to carry him through all the official duties he undertook to discharge. A ready speaker, and facile with his pen, he was a good, but not pertinacious debater. His speaking abilities, showed best on the platform and in the pulpit; in both which places, when moved he often rose to eloquence. A ready flow of language and extemporized illustrations, joined to a more than usual amount of pathos and sympathy, ever kept his sermons from being tiresome.

With all these gifts he has been constitutionally timid and retiring, and his great influence was not won by self-assertion and forwardness to press any favourite theories of his own. His influence has rather arisen from the weight of his character, the affectionate regard he has inspired, and the confidence in his wisdom which his safe and cautious judgment has earned, joined to a law-abiding submission to the behests of the ma-