

the responsibilities of his sacred office, Dr. Potts rarely takes a leading part in lectures or meetings of Conference, but prefers to thoroughly identify himself with his ministerial work. Gifted with no ordinary power of eloquence, possessing a tongue as it were the pen of a ready writer, with a complete mastery over the subject he handles, and a splendid voice in his delivery of it, Dr. Potts is unsurpassed in the pulpit, and rivets the attention of his hearers. Of a commanding presence, having the advantages of a superior intellect and an equally poised mind, and possessed with great physical strength, Dr. Potts is never weary in well-doing. Ever ready to assist by his counsel those who are trying to lead a christian life, he fearlessly denounces in no measured language of condemnation and warning, those who are walking in the ways of wickedness and vice.

Combining in his person the *suaviter in modo* with the *fortiter in re*, Dr. Potts is known far and wide beyond the limits of his own denominations. He is beloved and revered by his own congregation; honored, respected, and esteemed by those outside its pale.

A Methodist of the Methodists, he is a man of the most liberal views; believing that true religion is hedged in by no sectarian prejudices, he willingly assists to the utmost of his power all fellow-workers, irrespective of creed, in the service of the Great Master, and cordially holds out the right hand of christian fellowship and brotherly love to all, who like himself, go about doing good, and are endeavoring to ameliorate the spiritual and temporal condition and welfare of their fellow-men.

The eager desire of his several important charges to retain him amongst them, and their reluctance to part with him, amply testify to the success of his labors in the past; being in the full vigor of his manhood, should his life be spared, Dr. Potts has a long career of usefulness and work before him in years to come.

The historian of the future, when recording the progress and growth of Christianity in Canada, will not fail to place Dr. Potts in the foremost rank; a tower of strength to his own denomination, he by his example indicates to all the way in which they should walk, and generations after he shall have passed away, his memory will be blessed, and his works will follow him.

JAMES MORRIS,

PEMBROKE.

THE subject of this sketch, sheriff of the county of Renfrew, was born in the county of Renfrew, Scotland, March 4, 1818. His father, James Morris, senior, was a merchant in the city of Glasgow before coming to Canada; and his grandfather was from the county of Ayr. His mother was Mary Wright, also Scotch. James was educated at the high school in Glasgow; came to this country with his parents in 1830, and they settled on land in the town-