

last on the Bobcaygeon Circuit). On both these fields of labor he was instrumental, under God, in leading many souls to decide for Christ. He was sincere, deeply pious, fervent in spirit, and diligent as a pastor. He was a good worker among the young people and children, consequently very helpful in Epworth League work.

His preaching was evangelistic, his one object being to lead men from sin to Christ. During his illness he frequently expressed the hope of living and working for the Master; but this was not the will of God.

Surrounded by sorrowing friends he passed triumphantly to the better land. He was a good man, and the Methodist Church has lost a faithful preacher.

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Wellington Jeffers was born in Cork, Ireland, on the 22nd of June, 1814. His parents were strict adherents of the Established Church, but from some unaccountable cause the baptism of this, their youngest, son was deferred more than a year. The name of the victorious Duke had become a household word in every town and village of Europe just then, and to this child, a few days after the final and decisive battle of Waterloo, was given, by the administration of the sacred ordinance of baptism, the name of "Wellington," which, for the space of half a century, became as familiar as the other in Europe in almost every Methodist household throughout "this Canada of ours." He was brought to this country at a very early age, and grew up in the town of Kingston, where his father, who had received his education at Trinity College, Dublin, taught a school for advanced pupils. Here Wellington received his elementary education under the tuition of his father. Robert Jeffers was a man possessed of superior mental endowments, as well as educational training. In mathematics, he had few superiors. It is said that the late Bishop Macdonell, of the Roman Catholic Church, who had similar tastes, and he were in the habit of meeting frequently during the evenings for the purpose of "cracking mathematical nuts together," which to each was a source of much enjoyment.

We have no specific account of the time or place of his conversion. But of this we are told he had the advantage of being trained in a Christian household, and grew up in the fear of God. That he was at an early age converted to God, there is all the evidence which can be desired, inasmuch as in 1836, at the age of twenty-two years, he commenced his itinerant ministry on the Isle of Tanti, now Amherst Island. He was sent there by the chairman of the district as a supply, and at the Conference of 1837, in Hamilton, received on trial. He served the Church on many important fields of labor, beginning at Hamilton, then Barrie, Osgoode, Mississippi, Belleville, Sidney, Waterloo, Dundas, Grimsby, Brantford, Yonge Street, Toronto, Montreal, Rice Lake. Then for eight years he was editor of the *Christian Guardian*, from 1860 to 1868.

He bore his full share of connexional and conferential honors. Duties which these honors carry with them were always satisfactorily performed. In 1863 the degree of D.D. was conferred upon him by Victoria College. He had been Secretary of Conference in 1853; was co-delegate in 1866,