

cared for their souls or put forth strong and suitable endeavors to enlighten and reform them.

A few men, singular in almost every respect, from any clergy they had ever seen, or, we question, the church had seen for ages, visit them in their wild seclusion; they were easily distinguished from other men by the uniformity and plainness of their dress; there were the low crowned, broad brimmed white hat, covering their straight hair, combed smoothly over the forehead, and their long locks hanging gracefully on their shoulders,—a strait waistcoat, single-breasted coat with upright collar,—the whole home-spun and home-manufactured, and dyed with butternut or copperas. There was no more hauteur in their manner or assumptions than in their dress,—they are simply making inquiries as to who will allow them to preach in their shanties or their barns,—they talk to the people about their souls,—they have a word for each child,—they can sing,—and many a sullen host has had his heart touched by these holy songs,—songs such as they never had heard before,—and many a cold reception has been thus changed into a cordial welcome,—and of course they prayed,—and what was most wonderful then,—without a book. Their preaching was the utterance of the plainest, the most important and most thrilling truths of the Gospel. Man's depravity and guilt—Repentance,—Faith—Pardon,—Witness of the Spirit,—Holiness,—The Cross—Heaven and Hell. They had the vigor, the fire, the impetuosity of youth, they were strongly impressed themselves with Divine truth, they had shared largely in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit,—and they gave demonstrations thereof by their sacrifices and their success. None but earnest and devoted men would or could make these sacrifices; and when have earnest and devoted men been unsuccessful in the work of the ministry?

The Missionary pioneers who explored and commenced the cultivation of the moral wastes of Canada, were men of great natural genius and resources ever varying to meet exigencies. They found roads of primitive formation, or altogether unformed, and creeks and rivers without bridges, they had a kind of instinctive faculty for exploring forests, they had patience and fortitude for any road. They felt perfectly at home in the humblest shanty, and could gratefully and cheerfully accommodate themselves to every circumstance. Some of the most amusing anecdotes recorded on paper, or existing in tradition have reference to their petty crosses of a dietary nature, but their ingenuity seldom failed them. We know of one, who in certain places where cleanliness seldom accompanied godliness, would always request permission to choose his own dinner and act as his own cook; roasted potatoes and boiled eggs were luxuries to him. His