

a member of that church for over forty-four years. For twenty-two years he was a lay preacher, and this office, now at the age of sixty-three, he still continues to fill. During his connection with religious work he has been the witness of the unfolding and the growth of charitable views in the doctrines of religion, inside and outside of Methodism. He also remembers vividly the early history of our public schools taught in miserable log-houses by men, very many of whom, were possessed of merely the rudiments of an education, and some of whom had objectionable habits, and morals the reverse of good. This was he case up to the time when the Rev. Dr. E. Ryerson became chief superintendent of Education, but after this period the teachers were of a better class, and the schools grew in superiority, till they became a credit to the neighbourhoods and ornaments to the country. The teachers likewise took high rank among our professional men.

Carmichael, William Robert, Belleville, Ontario, was born at Toronto, on the 24th January, 1852. His father, Robert Carmichael, born in the County of Fermanagh, Ireland, in 1805, emigrated to Canada in 1840, settling in Toronto, where he still resides, having by industry and ability acquired a handsome competency for his retirement. The mother of Mr. Carmichael was Abigail Mather, of the County Down, Ireland; and she came to Canada in 1837, where she is still living. This worthy couple were married in 1848; and the fruit of the union was three children, two sons and a daughter, the subject of this sketch being the youngest of the family. William Robert received his education in the Model school of Upper Canada up to the age of fourteen years, after which he spent three years at Upper Canada College. Choosing the drug business as more congenial than a profession, he became apprenticed to the same in 1870, obtaining his diploma and second prize at the Ontario College of Pharmacy in August, 1873. In 1874 he proceeded to Belleville as an assistant, returned a year after to his former employer in Toronto, and in 1876 went, by urgent solicitation to Belleville, and settled there, opening up a business in 1880. He is now the proprietor of a prosperous and most promising trade. He was elected by acclamation in 1882, to represent Murney ward on the Board of Education, and this position he still retains to the marked satisfaction of all concerned. Between the ages of fourteen and twenty-four he was a member of the British Order

of Good Templars, and looks back on the many evenings spent in Jesse Ketchum lodge as the most enjoyable of his life; and the friendship there formed can never be effaced from his memory. He is a member of Belleville lodge, No. 123, G.R.C., being initiated in 1881, and likewise in 1883, a member of Mizpah lodge, I.O.O.F. On October 6th, 1878, he married Etta Angelina Row (born 1858), youngest daughter of John and Angelina Row, of the township of Sidney, County of Hastings. The family is extensively related, being descendants of the veteran U.E. loyalist, Captain Meyers. By this union are three children, two sons and a daughter. From early years Mr. Carmichael indulged himself for pastime in the study of the poets; and on the platform he is always in demand to add to the evening's entertainment by his recitations. When, in 1881, the Belleville Amateur Historic Association produced the tragedy of *Othello*, he was chosen for the role of the Moor, and Mrs. Carmichael that of *Desdemona*. The event met with such success that they regard it as a compliment so distinctive as not soon to be forgotten. Mr. Carmichael is a man of pleasing presence, of attractive manners, and scholarly attainments. He has histrionic talent in a marked degree, and is the author of verse, some of which might reflect no discredit upon a conspicuous pen. His religious views are those of the English Evangelical Church; and he has been for a long period an earnest church worker, and an advocate of temperance. He may, without exaggeration, be classed as a representative of the best type of our young Canadians.

Smith, George M., Aylmer, Ontario, was born in the town of Doncaster, England, on the 22nd of March, 1840. He is a son of John Smith, who was employed on the police force in England, and Martha, whose maiden name was Mowbray. Mrs. Smith died when George was yet a child, and his father emigrated in 1849, settling at Lynn, Massachusetts. After his arrival he engaged himself as a carpenter and builder. In 1861 he joined the Northern army, remaining in active service in the commissariat department and in the sharpshooters till the close of the war. Some of the stories, which he still relates, recounting exploits and escapes, were most thrilling to listen to. When the war was over he removed to Providence, Rhode Island, where he remained until 1880, in which year he removed to Canada. He is still living and though in his 70th year, presents the *mens sano in corpore sano*. He

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