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THE REV. CHARLES FRESHMAN, D.D.

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ONE of the most vigorous of the six hundred belonging to the Wesleyan Canada Conference has passed away. At the General Conference in Toronto he was seen moving to and fro, during most of its sessions. Far from calmness and ease was the state of his mind, for he was then "unattached" and homeless; separated from any special charge, and consequently unprovided for to sustain himself and numerous family. This well-knit frame was subdued by an accident which occurred on the 23rd of December, 1874, and terminated in death on the 4th of January, 1875, at 3 a.m. Let us briefly trace his beginning and end:—

CHARLES FRESHMAN was born in the year 1819, in Micklosh, a city on the river Waag, in the kingdom of Hungary, of parents strongly grounded in the Jewish religion. His ancestors were all of the same belief. Dr. Adam Clarke went all the way from London to Dublin for the purpose of obtaining some authority of the antiquity and position of the Clarke family; and Dr. Freshman says "our forefathers thought and asserted our family is descended from the tribe of Benjamin, but this can never be proved." And if it could be demonstrated satisfactorily, supposing Adam Clarke to be a lineal descendant of an Irish King, and Charles