

of Methodism was born. His was the advantage of godly parentage : his father and mother having been both honored and useful members of the Methodist Church. Before he reached his twentieth year he was soundly converted to God - a change which was demonstrated by a difference in his spirit, employments, and associations. His promising talents commanding the attention of the Church after the usual probation and acceptance as a Local Preacher, he was proposed and accepted for the Missionary work ; and in 1823 was appointed to Eastern Canada, where, in Montreal and other places, there are fruits of his popular and useful ministry remaining to this day.

On the Gibraltar Mission he labored successfully for three years, enjoying the confidence and respect of the civil authorities, and leaving the Church in much prosperity. In 1833 he resumed his work in Canada, spending three years in Kingston and five in Toronto, faithfully discharging the duties of his office as General Superintendent of Missions, and part of the time President of the Canadian Conference.

Providential intimations pointing out his way across the Atlantic, he labored with the Pines of our Israel in Sheffield West, Leeds First, London Third, Bradford East, and then Manchester, from which place he again removed his family to this country, as he expressed himself, "To live and die in Canada." His re-appointment to the Presidency of the Canadian Conference in 1857, drew forth all his energies of mind and body ; he sparing neither pains nor labors to meet the numerous demands upon his time and talents.

There was a genial warmth and suavity in the spirit and manners of our departed brother, which rendered his companionship pleasant and instructive. His well-cultivated mind yielded both fruit and flowers ; this with a fine taste, and choice, simple, but expressive language, rendered him a welcome visitor to the pulpit and platform.

Few men have passed through life with greater exemption from personal affliction than Dr Stinson ; in body and mind he enjoyed, with but slight exception, health and power to devote to his beloved Master's work ; and not until he was in the 39th year of his Ministry was he heard to complain of confirmed debility, or that in any of his long journeys he suffered inconvenience. Notwithstanding his growing indisposition, his indomitable energy enabled him faithfully to keep his engagements until the 12th of January, 1862 : his last exercise was a lecture delivered at Mil-