

At the Conference of 1825, six preachers were received on trial, two of whom are still what is called effective,—Rev. E. Ryerson, D. D., and Rev. A. Green, D. D. One is superannuated—Rev. John Black; one, Rev. D. McMullen, supernumerary; one located, and another after ten years in our work, withdrew and joined the Episcopal Methodists: judging by their subsequent history and the positions occupied by them, as well as the honorary distinctions awarded, many of them must have been men of more than ordinary talent. Three of them are now Doctors in Divinity; two were editors of the *Christian Guardian*; one was President of the Conference, and one is a Bishop in the Episcopal Methodist Church.

1826. Only one was received on trial—George Farr. He soon retired, and engaged in the lumber trade on the Ottawa River, fell into sin, went to the United States, where he was reclaimed, and died in the faith and hope of the Gospel,—a Methodist, if not a Methodist preacher.

1827. Nine candidates admitted, three of whom have continued in the regular work uninterruptedly to the present—Rev. Messrs. Richard Jones, Matthew Whiting, and Norris; five located, one is superannuated; one withdrew after more than twenty years itinerancy and joined the Ministry of the Church of England, and two, the Rev. Messrs. Geo. Poole and Peter Jones finished their course with joy.

1828. The same number as in the preceding year was received, two of whom are still effective—Rev. A. Hurlburt, and Rev. E. Evans, D.D.,—the pioneer of Methodism in Vancouver's Island, and British Columbia; three are superannuated, one supernumerary, one located, another joined the Irvingites, and one united with the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, in which connection he died.

1829. Five preachers received on trial, only one, Rev. John Carroll, now effective, and he, physically, the most unpromising, yet has continued, with a short interruption, in labours most abundant; Rev. S. Huntington gone to heaven—two superannuated—one retired from the itinerancy and engaged in mercantile pursuits, and has been for many years, and is still, a member of our Provincial Parliament.

1830. The names of eight candidates appear this year, none of whom at present in the active work. They were unusually varied in their lot and character, and would furnish an answer to nearly every disciplinary question in reference to ministers. Three are superannuated, one supernumerary, two located, another withdrew and became an active agent in effecting the Methodist Episcopal Secession. The Rev. James Evans was received this year, and proved to be one of the most laborious and successful of missionaries in our day, and died in the work. One attained the high office of President of Conference, and two were Secretaries.