

Guelph, where his nativity occurred September 17th, 1833, four or five years later in history than Dr. Dewart. By his going into the town of Guelph at the age of fourteen to learn the printing business, his youth and young manhood enjoyed urban advantages, say for six or eight years. He is far from boastful of scholastic advantages: a very few months in a public school in the township, and some opportunities in the old red lyceum in the town, known as the "Grammar School," where he learned the elements of Latin, comprised his early educational opportunities. But then he possessed powers of uncommon clearness, quickness, and retentiveness. Furthermore, he was an insatiable and omnivorous, and of course very miscellaneous reader. He read everything in the shape of a book, or paper, that came in his way; and his position in a printing office brought him in contact with these aids to an unusual extent. Besides, he often acted as "local," or paragraphist, which quickened his powers of observation, and taught him to embody and condense his thoughts.

After his going to town, circumstances threw him into the Methodist Sunday-school and under the Methodist ministry. From 1851 to 1853 the station was supplied by the revivalistic, hymn-singing George Goodson, who presented many attracting features to young men; and young Sutherland was one of his converts, whose native cleverness now took the direction of giftedness in prayer and speaking, and he became an exhorter; beyond which office, however, he had not really graduated when he was taken hold of by a Chairman, the pushing Lewis Warner, and thrust out on a Circuit—Clinton—one ample enough in its dimensions to give him a wholesome experience of old-style itinerant life. This took place during the Conference year 1855-56. At the next Conference he was regularly received on trial, and appointed to Galt and Berlin, on the Berlin part of which he was continued the next year. The following Conference year, 1858-59, he was allowed by the Conference to attend Victoria College. His brief continuance there was enough to demonstrate to the President of the institution that he had a student of the very first class capabilities, whom it was painful to see taken from those higher studies and again thrust into active life at the end of the year.

He was now, 1859, received into full connection, and placed in charge of Niagara, where he remained two years. He was one