

J. J. Carruthers, a prince among preachers; Adam Lillie, one of the most versatile of Canadian educators; with George Cornish and J. F. Stevenson, stalwarts as ministers and as instructors of ministers.

The abilities of the Fathers were a surprise to many of their English cousins, who did not look for much of greatness to come out of the Canadian Nazareth. Dr. Poore, representing the Colonial Missionary Society, expressed astonishment at the power of the men whom he heard in the pulpits of Canada, and when Dr. Wilkes preached at Highgate, England, a lady, congratulating him upon his sermon, remarked: "Of course such discourses would be above Canadian congregations!" The good Dr. assured her that he had a few weeks before preached that sermon in Montreal, and the fair auditor departed with a new idea regarding the homiletic appetites of Canadians.

To these distinguished characters we will ever be debtors. Workmen they were, whose trowels of labor and swords of defence made them hardy warriors of the church militant. And they were spiritually-minded; each heard the voice Divine, "Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak to thee!" No one can read the addresses, papers or sermons of Wilkes, Fenwick, Lillie, and not discern the spirit which has communed with the Most High. In their constancy the rank and file might well be characterized, as did the Greek General his army, "There is my wall, and every man's a brick." Each for Christ and humanity was willing to

"Stand in his place and testify
To coming ages long,
That truth is stronger than a lie,
And righteousness than wrong."

Let us acknowledge

"The debt immense of endless gratitude, still paying, still to owe."

They were worthy successors of the Pilgrim Fathers and the Scrooby Grandfathers. They have labored and we have entered into their labors. The same Lord whose they were and whom they served will be present with us as we build upon their foundations, as we