

of view, whether as to money, books, or time, or even mode of transit, were not in a position for extensive reading. But the few books they had were peculiarly well adapted to qualify them for teaching man the way of salvation: these they studied, and with good effect, besides they were not cumbersome for their saddle-bags.

In reading the published journals of Asbury, Lee, and Garretson, as well as the lives of others, we observe a great variety of texts they give us, as those from which they preached, but we would judge by them, that they generally led to the presentation or enforcement of the cardinal doctrines of the Gospel closely affecting man's redemption. Yet they were great and successful preachers. Clearly understanding, and realizing saving truth—with the love of Christ warming and consoling their hearts—with implicit faith in their Divine call and mission,—they had the energy and impetuosity of youth, and the glow of the youthful convert; deeply emotional, with a perfect freedom from the restraints and chilling influence of modern refinement. They had strong voices, of which they made a good use, and they "cried aloud and spared not." They were encouraged in their work; they expected conversions, and had them with almost every sermon. It was no unusual thing, with some of them, to go to a settlement hitherto unvisited—preach, have souls converted, and a class organized before their departure.

They were, as before intimated, mighty reasoners. Controversy became a necessary habit with them; and there are even now names on our superannuated list, though belonging to a period following the one we are attempting to describe, who far excel the present race in controversial skill and acumen. It is utterly beyond our power properly to estimate the amount of our indebtedness to these heroes, for the enduring benefits conferred on Canada by their heroic defence of truth, and their uncompromising and successful opposition to ruinous and destructive errors. Any person acquainted with the floating element of religious opinion pervading the almost universal mind of Canada, cannot but be struck with the sound religious creeds of the churches, and the absence, save in rare and feeble instances, of erroneous and destructive heresies.

We lament the scanty records of our Church of those days and our criminal neglect to rescue many of its incidents and facts from oblivion; and were it not for its close connection with the Church in the United States—indeed their oneness—we would scarcely have any definite idea how or by whom the trophies were