

2nd. The late Rev. James Sherman, who for many years ministered to the great congregation in Surrey Chapel, London. And who of us that have had the pleasure of knowing him can forget his nature so genial, his spirit so loving and tender, his appeals to the unconverted so faithful, pathetic and persuasive, and the consolations he poured into the hearts of mourners so rich and abounding?

3rd. The late Dr. Andrew Reed, of Wycliffe Chapel, London, "a man of renown," whom the Great Master called home so soon after finishing his ministerial course of half a century; whose genius and eloquence, so thoroughly baptized into the Saviour's service, were the attendants of such signal ministerial successes: whose philanthropy towards orphans and other children of affliction—a philanthropy so profoundly wise, so exquisitely touching, so beautifully Christ-like—will render his name ever dear to thousands that survive him, and to many yet unborn.

In a charge delivered at the ordination of him who has now the honor to address you, after treating with singular power, pathos and eloquence, of the leading characteristics of an efficient ministry, he gave utterance to a passage which it may be deemed not unseasonable to quote on this occasion. "Such then, brethren (said Dr. Reed), are the leading characteristics of an efficient and holy ministry. It will be composed of strong and spiritual perception of the truth, of supreme devotedness to the Divine glory, of exquisite pity for sinful and miserable men, of a humbling sense of responsibility to God, and of profound dependance upon Him; where these are found, every other excellence is implied, which shall thoroughly furnish the man of God to every good word and work. This then, brethren, is the ministry we want. The Church has yet to be awakened and renovated; the world has yet to be instructed and converted; and for these high services there is demanded an instrumentality of proportionate power and holiness. We require to be endowed with the Holy Ghost from on High."

During another year, this highly favoured Province has been preserved in peace in relation to other peoples: and whilst we have sat under our vine and fig tree, none making us afraid, from month to month we have had occasion to sympathize with our christian brethren and sisters in the great North American Republic. May their anxieties and sorrows be speedily followed by joy and gladness over such a termination of internal dissension as shall be associated with bright promise of lasting peace on solid foundations! May the Upas tree of Slavery be not merely checked in its growth, but utterly uprooted: and in that land of resources so great, may the tree of liberty greatly flourish: spreading its branches over every part of the Republic; black and white equally reposing under its shade; sharing abundantly of the blessings of Heaven, and largely contributing to the advancement of the welfare of the world! May Great Britain and America ever continue in amity, and be more than ever hand in hand for mutual good, and for good to all the nations!

Some time ago we observed in a New York publication the following remark: "The Canadas and the United States are bound together by the most intimate and strongest ties of interest:" and we may add that the strongest of those ties should be—and we pray that they may be—the mutual interest of brethren in the Lord Jesus, who though under different forms of political