

Subsequent to his ordination, when only 23, the young minister's first field of labor was at Norter Street Church, London, as assistant to the Venerable Richard Jones; from thence, at the expiration of his time, he was appointed to a charge in Yorkville, and was associated with the Rev. E. H. Dewart, then at Elm street.

Such was the estimation in which this young worker in the Lord's vineyard was held, that in 1866, he was chosen (no small compliment for a man of only 28) to be the first pastor of a new church erected in Hamilton, to commemorate the centenary of American Methodism, and thus became within the short space of ten years the minister in a congregation of which he had formerly been a member, and Sunday school teacher. Mr. Potts' acceptance of the Hamilton charge was at first opposed by the Stationary Conference Committee, but their misgivings as to the ability of the young clergyman to fill the church, soon proved to be groundless, for such were his talents and popularity, and so forcible his preaching, that Sunday after Sunday, multitudes flocked to hear the Word spoken by his mouth. While at Hamilton, Mr. Potts was invited to come to Toronto, to the church in Adelaide street, but fearing the time he would have to devote to the superintendence of the building of the Metropolitan church, then in course of erection, would interfere with what he considered to be strictly ministerial work, he declined this charge, and accepted that of St. James street, Montreal, which had been simultaneously placed at his disposal in succession to the Rev. Dr. Douglas. Equal success attended Mr. Potts in this his new field, and after a space of three years he returned to Toronto, and was placed in charge of the Metropolitan church in that city, where he rapidly increased the number of the congregation. The close of his ministration there saw him again removed to Elm street, and he is at the present moment for a second period in charge of the Metropolitan.

Mr. Potts is a staunch supporter of Temperance, having first advocated its cause when only 15. He is also connected with the Young Men's Christian Association and Bible Societies. He and the Rev. W. MacVicar of Montreal are the Dominion representatives on the International Committee, which select the Sunday lessons for all schools all over the world.

The subject of our sketch is a member of the Board and Senate of the Victoria University. He is likewise a member of the Board of the Montreal Theological College, and also a member of Committee, and has charge of the publishing interest of the church. In 1878, he was elected the first President of an Association which was formed in Toronto, embracing ministers of all denominations. In July of that year, the Wesleyan University, Ohio, in due appreciation of his merits, admitted him to the degree of D.D. On the death of Dr. Topp, he was appointed in 1879, to succeed him as Chairman of the Home for Incurables, an institution likely to prove of incalculable benefit to the people of Toronto, the foundation stone of the new buildings of which was laid by Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, on the occasion of her first visit to Toronto, in September of the same year.

Never doing anything by halves, unostentatious, strictly imbued with a consciousness of