

Twelve months ago Mr. Whittington was elected by a decisive vote President of the Conference, and with such good judgment and discretion has he discharged the duties and responsibilities of that high office, that, with greater surprise to himself than to anyone else, he was re-elected this year. He is what we sometimes call in Methodism "a strong President." With fine ability as a preacher and platform speaker, he combines the good qualities of geniality, dignity and common-sense, and displays admirable tact as a presiding officer. As an illustration of this last we recall an incident in this year's proceedings in Conference. A certain resolution had been introduced which evoked very lively discussion, and at one point four or five brethren were on their feet at a time vociferously claiming their right to the floor. Many a man under the circumstances would have been greatly perplexed, but Mr. Whittington rose from the chair, with the utmost coolness, and with commanding dignity said: "When I stand up you must all sit down." The contestants instantly and humbly acquiesced, while the Conference, enjoying the incident, involuntarily lapsed into a hearty fit of laughter.

In addition to the responsibilities of the Chair of Conference, the President has received again the appointment of representative to the General Board of Missions, and has been stationed by request of the Missionary Society as Chairman of the Indian District, a most important appointment which charges him with the oversight of all the Indian missionary work of our Conference, and with this coupled the general superintendency of the Chinese work.

In all Mr. Whittington's ministerial labors he has a worthy help-met in the person of his loving and devoted wife, Mrs. Whittington, who is a sister to the Rev. T. J. Mansel, of Dominion Square, Montreal, and of Dr. Mansel, of Vancouver, has excellent qualifications for a Methodist minister's wife, and soon makes a large circle of friends wherever she goes.

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More and more is the world coming to realize that "we live in deeds not years." It is not how long we have lived that measures now, but what we have put into life. Especially does such a standard of measurement obtain in the ranks of the Christian ministry and in fact in the consideration of every life in its service to Jesus Christ. With such a point of view it becomes our esteemed privilege to sketch briefly for our readers a life young in service and young in years, but a life full of splendid promise and one in every part given up to the service of the Master loved so well.

Bro. BarracloUGH was born in the town of Ingersoll, Ontario, August 30th, 1865. To him was accorded the great privilege, that does not come to the lot of all men, that of being born of godly, consecrated parents. They had long since given their service in devotion to the Church, and were both staunch supporters of all its interests. The father was for many years a steward of the King street Church, Ingersoll, as also secretary of the Trustee Board of that Church. De-

voted to the Church, he served it faithfully and well, beloved and respected by all who knew him, until about three years ago, when at the call of the Master he entered the service of the Church Triumphant. The mother, who still survives, is a sister of Rev. Thos. Crosby, and this will be to all who read a sure pledge of her zeal and enthusiasm in the service of God.

In such an atmosphere, where the abiding presence of the Heavenly guest was ever felt, young BarracloUGH grew up under the guiding influence of holy parents, and was early trained in Christian ways, and taught to frequent the House of

Victoria College, Cobourg, from which he received his degree of B.A.

The first occupation of our brother was that of teaching in a public school, and while so engaged he did not forget his Christian vows, but seized many an opportunity for service. Here he organized the young men of the neighborhood into a band for Christian work. At the early age of eighteen Bro. BarracloUGH began work as an evangelist, and owing to the exigencies of the work he was in 1885 called into the active work of the ministry under the chairman. During the years of probation he travelled the Wellandport and Cainsville circuits.



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God. At the age of eight years, under the ministry of Rev. Charles Freshman, our brother gave his heart to God, but owing to the apathy of the Church in caring for its youthful members this first love was followed by a number of years of carelessness, touching the obligations of Church membership. However, in the good Providence of God, under the faithful ministry of Rev. Daniel E. Brownell, he was led again to consider his Christian obligations. (No man in Canadian Methodism has ever been truer to his duties as a Christian minister than Rev. D. E. Brownell, and his faithful ministrations, his deep interest in and fatherly care over the lives of his flock have left lasting impression not only on the life we are sketching, but on many others who enjoyed the privilege of coming within the sphere of his influence.) When 16 years of age he was licensed as an exhorter by the Rev. W. W. Ross. His education was obtained in the Collegiate Institute at Ingersoll, and in

where he enjoyed favoring success. During his term at College a man was required for Niagara Street Church, St. Catharines, which charge in a considerable degree was most important to him, as it was here he met Miss Edith Rowe, a daughter of Rev. R. B. Rowe, one of the active and energetic ministers of the Hamilton Conference. Devoted to the service of God, Mrs. BarracloUGH has entered as a helpmeet into all the work to which our brother has been called. From the first she has proved herself a true companion to her husband, making home a place of sunshine, and lifting the burdens from the husband's heart by her wise counsel and hopeful disposition. Bro. BarracloUGH was ordained in 1901 in the Niagara Conference (now Hamilton Conference). After ordination he travelled Springfield and Teeterville circuits with great success and with marked acceptance, at the end of which time he volunteered for mission work; was accepted and ap-