

mont in 1800. His first circuit in Canada was the Bay of Quinte, two years; 1807, Long Point; 1808-9, Niagara; and from 1810 to 1824, when Canada became a separate Conference, held the office of Presiding Elder. Dr. Abel Stevens writes of him, "He was a man of inextinguishable zeal and unflinching energy. Neither the comforts or courtesies of life ever delayed him. When on Fletcher Circuit, Vermont, with Elijah Hedding, in 1802, their routes intersected at the junction of two roads, where they met. Ryan's usual salutation was, "Drive on, Brother; drive on! let us drive the devil out of the country!" In Canada his labours were herculean; he achieved the work of half a score of men; he also suffered heroically, from want, fatigue, and bad roads. With his indomitable energy was combined an erratic disposition; and in 1827 withdrew, and formed the sect of the "Ryanites." The Province still abounds with anecdotes of him. Of his strong arm and robust form, and thundering voice, and also of his singular sayings. One of his preachers having behaved very improperly, criminally so, when he heard of it, went in pursuit of him, and continued the pursuit for more than a hundred miles, without success,—“Well,” says he, “there is no use in having a devil at all if he does not take that man!”

*William Case* came the same year with Henry Ryan, and was appointed to the same circuit. We hope some able pen will yet be employed in writing his Biography: we append only a passing note. For the long term of 50 years, 6 of which he laboured in the States, and 44 in Canada,—the longest any man has yet spent in our itinerant work,—he was a faithful minister of the Gospel. Singularly enough, he travelled only six years on circuits. He was Presiding Elder 18 years continuously in Canada and United States. Was President of Conference after we became an independent Church. The father of our Indian Missions,—the latter half of his ministerial life being almost exclusively devoted to that service. Respectable in appearance; sweet, melodious voice; good sense; plain, useful education; affectionate and kind; had considerable knowledge of human nature, yet was sometimes imposed upon; had his preferences, which almost degenerated into partiality. We might multiply anecdotes of him, but we give only one. Preaching at a Quarterly Meeting, at the old Elizabethtown Chapel, and when midway in his sermon, and warm with his theme, it suddenly occurred to him that he had preached the same sermon, in the same pulpit, three months before. It disconcerted him not, however, but leaving his subject, he went on to tell the people how treacherous were their memories, and how