

natives were carefully looked after, he was eminently successful, his school continuing to improve in efficiency and usefulness. In 1799, when he had labored successfully in Canada for fourteen years, his Alma Mater conferred upon him the honorary degree of "D.D.," the first degree received by a resident of the country, so far as known. This recognition of his services was well deserved, as no man had contributed more, in his civil capacity, towards the promotion of religious and secular education, and the general improvement of the people. His reputation was held in the highest esteem by all classes of the community, and his influence in the direction of all public questions was of the most beneficial kind. Not only at Kingston, but throughout the whole bay settlement, his services were sought in the formation and improvement of every good and needful enterprise, and cheerfully were they rendered on all occasions. The memory of this amiable minister and teacher is still revered by those who were so much benefited by him, and also by their descendants, who are conscious of the debt of gratitude they owe for blessings at present enjoyed.

We have before us a document which furnishes some information as regards education in Hallowell, County of Prince Edward, and how the settlers of that hamlet regarded the services of those willing and able to assume the responsibilities of the school-room. It is dated Oct. 28th, 1819, and purports to be "Articles of agreement between R— L— of the one part, and we the undersigned of the other part." Its provision are, "that the said R— L— doth agree to keep a regular school for the term of seven months, from the 1st day of Nov. next, at the rate of two pounds ten shillings per month; and he further doth agree to teach reading, writing, and arithmetic; to keep regular hours; keep good order in school as far as his abilities will allow; and see that the children go orderly from school to their respective homes." The undersigned agreed to pay R— L— the sum above named, and also "to find a comfortable house for the school, supply it with wood fitted for the fire, wash, mend, lodge and victual him-for the time of keeping said school." Then came the

bold, manly signatures of the trustees making this agreement, viz:—William Clarke, Peter Leavens, Daniel Leavens. At the bottom of this document there is a quaint addition, indited by the said R— L—, which conveys an uncertainty as to the satisfactory performance of stipulated duties. He says:—"It is to be understood that the said R— L— has performed his duties rightly till he is discharged."

We have before mentioned the absence of literary comforts among the first settlers of the Province of Ontario. This condition of affairs is not surprising, especially in view of the circumstances under which they migrated thither. Many of them were proscribed by the Republican Government, and all their possessions were confiscated, while others were forced by pressing inconveniences to abandon much that they would fain have brought with them to the asylum they sought in Canada. Books, especially, were cumbrous, of less vital interest in the prospects before them, and by some regarded as mere luxuries. It cannot be wondered at, therefore, that so few of these helps in the work of civilization were to be found, and that the want was so perceptible in subsequent events. But, though deficient in this respect, few, very few, neglected the paramount duty of preserving and studying the Bible, which, in many instances, was the only volume found in their humble abodes. There are numerous copies of this blessed Book, brought by the Loyalists from their former homes in the rebellious States, still in existence, carefully and lovingly preserved as an inestimable treasure, a kind of sacred heir-loom, which binds together in one hallowed family circle the several members whose names have from time to time been added to the long record it contains. From the inspired passages words of consolation and hope have been gathered, and sweet faith in the Divine promise have revived the drooping heart, when bowed beneath the burdensome trials of a pioneer's experience. The oft-conned pages are worn and discolored, the covers warped and eaten by the tooth of time, but every precious injunction remains, and the memory of the past intensifies the veneration with which they are regarded. Some are printed in the German language, having