

soul-stirring utterances of his deep-toned voice. But their inspiration abides with us still.

The memory of the just
Smells sweet and blossoms in the dust.

The following is a brief outline of the life and labours of this valiant soldier of God:

In the beautiful village of Ashkirk, near the romantic Tweedside, and seven miles from Abbotsford, in Roxburghshire, Scotland, was born on October 14th, 1825, George Douglas. He came of sturdy Presbyterian stock, and his youth was nourished on the lofty teachings of the Word of God, the Shorter Catechism, and the Westminster Confession; and doubtless his young soul was often stirred by the heroic traditions of Flodden Field and of Dunbar, which were both near by, and by the ballads of Chevy Chase and of the border wars.

In 1832 the Douglas family came to the city of Montreal, and in an excellent school kept by the Rev. Mr. Black, Presbyterian minister in Laprairie, young George continued his education. In course of time he became a clerk in a book-store, and probably hence derived that love of literature which has been a characteristic of his life. He was in time promoted to the dignity of bookkeeper. But a thirst for knowledge possessed his soul, and he matriculated in the School of Medicine of his adopted city, and pursued part of the prescribed curriculum.

In the year 1843 the great crisis of his life-history took place. Being then a young man, in the eighteenth year of his age, he was led by the providence of God to attend the ministry of the Rev. William Squire, in the old Methodist church on the corner of St. James and St. Francois Xavier Streets. Under the faithful preaching of that man of God, whose memory is even yet fragrant in the hearts of many, he became convinced of sin, and was enabled to exercise that faith which saveth the soul, and feel that love which casteth out all fear. He forthwith identified himself with the Church

in which he had been brought to God, and joined a class led by John Mattheson, of which he himself afterwards became leader.

The talents and consecrated zeal of the young convert were such that soon the voice of the Church summoned him to public service for the Master. Overcoming his natural diffidence, he was induced to perform the duty of a local preacher. This he did with such success as to be highly acceptable to the Wesleyan congregations of Montreal, accustomed as they were to the preaching of such men as William Squire, Matthew Richey, William Harvard, John Jenkins, and other men of distinguished abilities. It was evident that God had called this young man to the office of the Christian ministry as his life-work, and he was not disobedient to the Divine call. In 1848, being then in his twenty-third year, he was received as a probationer for the ministry. The following year he was recommended by the Lower Canada District to attend the Wesleyan Theological Institute at Richmond, England. But scarcely had he reached that famous school of the prophets than he was designated to missionary work in the Bahamas District of the West India Mission. He was "specially ordained" at St. John's Square, London, in the spring of 1850, by the venerable Thomas Jackson, Dr. Alder, and others, and sent to the Bermuda Islands. After a year and a half's residence in that semi-tropical climate his health failed, and the germs of his subsequent life-long affliction were planted. He returned, therefore, to Montreal the following year. Of his ministerial life of forty-three years, thirty-four years have been spent in that city—eleven of them in pastoral work, twenty-one as head of the Theological College, and two without a charge, on account of ill-health. His other fields of toil have been Kingston, Toronto and Hamilton, in each of which places he laboured for three years, witnessing many souls to his ministry in the prosperity of the work of God under his charge.