

students who entered the Upper Canada Academy, which constituted the nucleus out of which Victoria University has been developed; and the very first one who went out from its halls into the itinerant ministry. His going out as a chairman's supply, one year before his formal reception on trial, was at the Conference of 1836; and his introduction into the work was under circumstances which entitle him to rank among the pioneer preachers. He was first sent to the extensive boundaries, miry roads, and miasmatic atmosphere of the old Thames Circuit; and received a fitting seasoning for its toils by a ride on horse-back, heavily laden with luggage from Kingston to Chatham. In the course of this journey the writer first met him, and admired the pluck and heroism of the boy of twenty. His light complexion and beardless chin made him look certainly very youthful.

His constitutional build was very compact, and proved very enduring. We never heard of his being ill or off work. Cornish's invaluable *Hand-Book* shows that his circuits, before becoming Editor, after the Thames Circuit, were Newmarket, Stamford (twice), Hamilton, St. Catharines, and Toronto. His first editorial incumbency included the space of five years. Then followed Cobourg Circuit, three years, with the chairmanship of the district; thence back to Toronto as Book-Steward, four years. His resumed pastorate comprised London, Port Hope, Picton, Belleville, and Kingston, chairman also every year but one. Since then have followed a return to the pastorate in his old stations, St. Catharines and London, in which latter city he now is, in both cases with the district in charge.

The Doctor is studious and scholarly, with literary tastes. As a preacher he is eloquent and wearable. He is also successful as a pastor and administrator. He wins souls and takes care of them. Unlike some, "he brings forth fruit in old age." He has not been without a revival on his charge a single year for the last twenty years. We scarcely know a man of his age, amidst the rage for young men, who continues so popular as both preacher and pastor. He has not been without difficult positions to keep, and has had his trials; yet he has proved faithful to his trust, and has usually triumphed. He is self-contained, manly, and enduring, and has never failed in a connexional trust. Indeed, he is decidedly a connexional man. A person who knows