

End Church by way of a change, as also did the Rev. Charles Lavelle.

The Rev. G. N. A. F. T. Dickson succeeded to the pastorate in 1851.

The late Rev. Geo. Douglas, D.D., was pastor of the East End Methodist Church in the years 1852 and 1853. During the early years of his ministry he gave promise of an exceptionally brilliant career, which promise was more than attained to the highest rank in Canadian Methodism. For many years he occupied the responsible position of Principal of the Montreal Methodist Theological College, which position he held at the time of his death. He was succeeded by the Rev. Dr. Shaw. At a meeting of the International Missionary Union at Clifton Springs, in July, 1893, a correspondent of the New York "Independent," describing the meeting, says:—"The most memorable event of the meeting was the sermon on Sunday morning by the Rev. Dr. George Douglas, President of the Methodist Theological College, Montreal. The striking contrast between the appearance of the man and the quality of the sermon, made it more memorable. A man totally blind, who cannot walk without support, nor stand without something solid to lean against, with no use of his hands, every finger being rigidly and unalterably closed, with a linen handkerchief drawn in between the ends of the fingers and the palm of the right hand and carefully tied to the thumb, that it may be secure thus, this wonderful man is placed before his audience, leaning against his pulpit. Slowly and with full voice, he announces his text: "And not only so, but we glory in tribulation also." "Tribulation," he said "is the law of physical development."

Referring to the struggle in the birth of Light, he asked, "Who art thou, oh thou brilliant messenger?" "I am the cast-away child of the physical tribulation," was the reply." 2. Tribulation is the law of all noble achievement. 3. The divine law is the formation of noblest character. 4. It is the pledge of divinest sympathy.

"It is impossible to give a comprehensive idea of the beauty of thought and language in this sermon and address. With a lofty and comprehensive range of thought the language from beginning to end was rapturous with poetic inspiration. It must have been heard to be appreciated, and to be heard is never to be forgotten."

The next to follow the Rev. Dr. Douglas was the Rev. Dr. J. H. Bishop in 1854. In 1854 Methodism in Montreal was divided into three circuits—centre, east and west.

The division caused trouble, however, owing to the manner in which the arrangement was carried out by those in authority, and resulted in driving from the Methodist cause in Montreal a large percentage of the membership of two congregations. This movement seriously affected the East End Church, as 183 members out of a total of 248, including all the officials but one, withdrew.

The seceders invited the New Connexion Methodist Church to open a cause in Montreal, with the result that a new church was built on Panet street for those living in the east end, and another on Dupre lane for those in the western circuit.