

The young man's consecration to the Christian life was complete, his experience of salvation clear, and his first prayer was that God would give him work to do. Within a year and a half he had passed through the preliminary stages of exhorter and local preacher, and at the Conference of 1859 was received on probation for the ministry of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. His five years of probation were spent at Brewer's Mills, Frankford, Trenton and Napanee, and thence, for the last two, at Victoria College. He was thus thoroughly prepared for his work. High School education, business training under James L. Biggar, M.P., one of the most intelligent and capable merchants of the country, practical work in the ministry in a part of the province where strong spiritual life and strict adherence to old Methodist ways held sway, and then two years of successful work in College gave him at once a diversified and thorough preparation for the work which, by God's providence, lay before him. He was ordained to the work of the ministry in 1864, the class to which the writer also belonged. We were thirty-six in number and were rarely privileged in the Ordination Services of that year under the presidency of the saintly W. L. Thornton. His charge on Friday night moved all our hearts and sent us to our homes for a day of fasting, consecration and prayer, and brought us to the sanctuary on Sabbath morning with expectant faith again to listen to words of exhortation delivered with the unction of the Holy Spirit. And while the hands of Thorn-