

self, but the climate not agreeing with him, he removed to Woodstock, where his innate energy, diligence, and intelligence began to assert and manifest themselves. The ladder, though unseen, was before him, and he began to climb. On December 30th, 1843, he took, as he always thought, one of his most important upward steps, in marrying his loved and life-long companion, Mary Lazenby. Those who have known, as the writer has, for many years, this excellent woman, as wife, matron, and mother, will not wonder at her husband's ever increasing appreciation of her; or at his somewhat eccentric way of expressing it, by doubling his marriage fee to the minister who married them, on each promotion he received to public position. And such promotions came in quick succession, from 1849, when he was appointed magistrate, to 1853, when he came to Brantford and settled to his life work as County Registrar. How well and faithfully he filled that position is well known, and almost proverbial.

But a mind so sagacious and fertile as his could not be circumscribed to a Registrar's office. Business men soon learned to value his counsel, and almost every beneficent enterprise, material or moral, in the city, felt the influence of his farseeing interest and energy.

In the Y. M. C. A., Widows' Home, Children's Aid, and Bible Societies, he was among the foremost in sympathy and support, while the Orphan's Home was sustained by him for years. To the First Baptist Church, of which he was from 1856 to his death an honored member, he was a central, and perhaps the strongest pillar. As counsellor, supporter, friend, deacon, Sabbath-school superintendent for 29 years, and master and servant in one, few churches have had his equal, or risen more by the influence and energy of one man; while his intense interest in mission work, especially Foreign, gave both him and the church an enviable position in the denomination and in the land. "The liberal deviseth liberal things, and by liberal things shall he stand." And so Bro. Shenston, and the church he influenced so largely, experienced. In speaking thus, I would not depreciate other grand men, in some respects his superiors, who wrought so faithfully and nobly with him; but, as with David's thirty mighty men, he was among the first three, and in some respects, among them he was the first.