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THERE is a natural and laudable curiosity in the minds of intelligent people to know the antecedents and secrets of the success of those who have risen to influential positions in any department of our modern civilized life; and the Rev. Dr. Sutherland's relation to one of the most populous denominations of the country, and his activity in some of the most useful moral enterprises of the day, constitute him a person about whom all our readers would like to know something.

Dr. Sutherland's history is suggestive. Methodism arose in a British university, and during its history it has done much to originate and extend higher education, but it does not restrict the choice of its agents to university men. Its natural tendency is to energize unprivileged minds, and to foster self-education. It is, furthermore, so free and flexible in its genius, that it can, and does, lay hold of those original and gifted minds which, but for its influence, would never be protruded beyond the surface of society; and some of these have become its most distinguished exponents, propagators, and ornaments. The Rev. Dr. Dewart, presented in these pages four months ago, is one among many examples we might easily produce and portray. Dr. Sutherland is another.

The Scotch have deservedly gained the reputation of intelligence and sagacity. Our subject is of Scottish parentage, but he was born and brought up in Ontario, his native place being the township of