

Nor were the Fathers forgetful of missionary responsibility. The Canada Education and Home Mission Society was formed of various denominations, in 1826, at Montreal, the Rev. A. J. Parker being sent to Shipton under its auspices, and the churches at Eaton and Granby being supplied through its agency. It also introduced Richard Miles to Montreal. The Colonial Missionary Society, organized in 1836, secured the return of Henry Wilkes to Canada, as the pioneer missionary and agent of the Society. It also had the honor of bringing John Roaf to Toronto. Thenceforward, for a number of years, the operations of the Colonial Missionary Society were carried on in two sections, through the agency of Mr. Wilkes, in Montreal, and Mr. Roaf, in Toronto. The Western Section put in operation a new missionary society in 1840, the churches of the East following suit in 1846, yet these did not do away with the Colonial Society.

All this was preliminary to the organization of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, at the formation of the Union of Ontario and Quebec, in 1853. The Indian Missionary Society was in operation for several years from its institution in 1860. To these agencies was added the Foreign Missionary Society in 1881. Our mission at Cisamba, in West Central Africa, under the leadership of the Rev. Walter Currie, has taken its place as one of the best examples of modern missionary enterprise.

Thus I have passed in review some of the Congregational Fathers of Canada. The names of many worthy men have been omitted, but those mentioned give a fair impression of the quality of the foundation-layers in the Canadian Israel. And these stood shoulder to shoulder with the best representatives of other denominations. Such contemporaries as the Baptist Dr. Fyfe, eminent as an educator and minister; the Anglican Bishop Strachan, founder of Trinity University, and one of the historic forces of the country; the Presbyterians Liddell and Proudfoot, honored representatives in higher Christian education; the celebrated Methodist, Egerton Ryerson, minister, educator, author, legislator, giving Ontario her position in the front rank of the patrons of Public Schools; these were men to confer honor on all churches and on any country. By their side we confidently place the Rev. Henry Wilkes, D.D., LL.D., "The Unmitred Bishop of Canadian Independency"; the Rev. John Roaf, one of the staunchest champions of civil rights and religious equality;

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