

three years' pastorate in the Albany Street Church, Edinburgh, was worth a post-graduate course in the preparation for his great life work. In that work, not alone as a preacher did he excel, nor as a pastor merely, nor chiefly as an administrator, nor specially as a leader in church societies, nor principally as an educator, nor exclusively as a pioneer superintendent, but in all of these capacities his success was remarkable. His position as agent of the Colonial Missionary Society, which he had been largely instrumental in forming, necessitated a vast amount of toilsome journeying. Throughout Upper and Lower Canada, among the hills of the Eastern Townships, and even out to the Maritime Provinces, his evangelistic tours were extended. And when we consider the conditions of travelling in the early days, his powers of endurance will be increasingly appreciated, and the wonder will grow that he was able to continue successfully the labors of the pastorate.

In 1846 the St. Maurice Street Church became a thing of the past, and a new building was opened, dedicated with the name of "Zion," by which title it has since been known; and the record of his sermons and lectures in that pulpit, together with the knowledge of his pastoral oversight, would indicate sufficient toil for one man. It is enough to say that no one man has so strongly marked the history of Congregationalism in Canada. Men and institutions delighted to honor him: the University of Vermont granted him the degree of Doctor of Divinity, and McGill University conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws. For half a century he wrought so influentially as to be loved and honored by multitudes whom he had blessed, and many more who admired the labors they did not personally know. The *Montreal Gazette* termed him "the Patriarch of the religious community." "He was a living bond of union between our denominations," was the eulogy passed by a member of another body. His biography, written by the Rev. John Wood, reveals such a character as may well make Canadians proud of that Prince in Israel.

Dr. Wilkes drew around him a noble body of men. The Rev. J. J. Carruthers became associated with him in educational work, lecturing in the newly-formed Theological Academy, on Homiletics, Theology, etc. The same year, 1842, Mr. Carruthers projected the first Congregational paper in Canada, entitled *The Harbinger*. His preaching