

His father and mother being what are generally known as "U. E's."—those who either were engaged in the Revolutionary war on the British side, or came in from the United States to live under the British flag—Mr. Macdonell has always been identified in politics as a Conservative. Having been brought up in the Roman Catholic faith, his intercourse with the world, his general reading and independent thinking, have contributed to make him liberal in religious matters.

In 1856 Mr. Macdonell was married to a daughter of Col. D. D. Brodhead, of Boston, through which connection he has had the advantages of a large acquaintance with many leading persons in the United States.

As a lawyer, Mr. Macdonell ranks deservedly high, as might be inferred from the large practice he enjoys. His standing at the Bar illustrates the advantages of a liberal education to the lawyer. His counsel is sought and confided in, because his judgment is the fruit of study and research, weighed in the balances of truth and sound learning. As a pleader he ranks with the best on the circuit; is argumentative, clear and convincing, and not unfrequently rises to heights of impassioned eloquence; with a pleasing bearing and address, his manners are strikingly suggestive of the gentleman of the old school.

As a man and citizen, Mr. Macdonell is held in high esteem by all classes, both because he has honored all the relations of life by the strictest fidelity, and because of his efficient and successful efforts to improve the material, intellectual, and moral interests of the community in which he lives.

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## WELLINGTON JEFFERS, D.D.,

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WELLINGTON JEFFERS, one of the best read clergymen and most eloquent preachers in the Methodist Church in Canada, was born in the City of Cork, Ireland, June 22, 1814. His father being Rev. Robert Jeffers, a merchant in the old country, and a preacher and teacher in Canada. The family came to this country in the summer of 1817, and after preaching a few years, in connection with the Conference, the father of our subject settled as a teacher in Kingston. He was a man of almost universal knowledge, excelling in the mathematics, and showing great ability, both as a writer and speaker. The son, who was drilled by him in the rudiments of knowledge, seems to have inherited his father's love of study. Since ten years of age, he has been a literary gourmand, and as early as twelve, was noted for his expertness in figures, school teachers sometimes visiting him from quite a distance, trying, usually in vain, to puzzle him with difficult problems in the arithmetic.

When our subject left home his father advised him to be always trying to master some new