

leader of men. These qualities pointed him out as fitted for the position of Superintendent of the Methodist New Connexion Missions in Canada, which office was at that time filled by the late Henry Only Crofts, D.D. In 1833, Mr. Robinson married Miss Scholey, who for fifty-seven years was a most devoted, faithful, and affectionate wife, and nobly assisted him in his life-work. She passed away in 1890, in her eighty-sixth year. Her memory is cherished most lovingly, not only by her children as a wise, loving, and devoted mother, but all who knew her recognized her earnest Christian character, her gentle spirit, and truly exemplary life.

Mr. Robinson's appointment to Canada in 1851 was regarded by the English Conference as a great sacrifice, as it took from the parent body one of the ablest and most promising men of the Connexion. It demonstrated their interest in the Canadian work, and their desire to promote its prosperity. He was admirably fitted to meet its requirements. He was then in the vigour and prime of manhood, with a well-developed physique, dignified and attractive manner, and possessed great endurance for the toil and hardships of a new country. He saw the possibilities of Canada and the room for the application of more liberal principles in church government.

He entered upon his duties in a spirit of consecration, of zeal and heroic courage. He soon became attached to this country, his heart warmed with fervour and even enthusiasm to the duties of his office. So far indeed did this spirit carry him that in his faith and generous support of the Canadian work, he at one time risked the loss of all his means by placing his private resources in a connexional exigency at the service of the Church. Many a long and hazardous jour-

ney had to be made with horse and buggy, when as yet the first Canadian railroad was not built. In those days a horse was an indispensable part of a minister's outfit, and Mr. Robinson's "Charlie" acquired a considerable reputation by his faithful service in the cause for about twenty years. He was immensely popular from the first of his appointments, on the platform, in the pulpit, in Conference discussion, and when with a company in social life. Shortly after coming to Canada, Mr. Robinson became an enthusiastic temperance worker. He was one of the chief promoters of the British American Order of Good Templars, and for a number of years its official head.

Few men were better read in current literature. His books were selected with care, and at one time he possessed one of the choicest private libraries for a minister in the country. His delight was to find a quiet corner in a book store where he could scan the pages of the books and magazines, and he seldom left without a number of new books tucked under his arm. He had a wholesome contempt for small type, poor paper, and cheap binding. Browsing among old books was to him a genuine pleasure. In England especially, the second-hand book stores were irresistible, as he found many real treasures hidden among piles of rubbish. Great was his gratification when he became the possessor of a copy of the "Breeches Bible," which copy now occupies a privileged place on the shelves of a brother minister. Reading formed one of the chief enjoyments of his life. He was familiar with philosophy, history, science, art, and poetry, and especially with the biography of those who have toiled for civil liberty and the Christian Church. His extensive reading made him,