

gifted William Ryerson was then stationed at Niagara. The eloquence and earnestness of the young preacher attracted crowds to the Methodist Church, and amongst the rest the subject of our notice. The writer has more than once heard him refer to those never-to-be-forgotten sermons; and it will doubtless appear, when the sower and the reaper shall rejoice together, that William Ryerson was largely instrumental in attracting this promising young man to the church of which he subsequently became a "burning and a shining light."

After a residence of two years at Niagara, and two in the village of Ancaster, Mr. Jackson removed to Hamilton, and entered upon a business career which extended over many years, and was marked by integrity and success. His name will ever stand identified with the rise and progress of this beautiful city, while many of the young men trained in business by him have gone forth to other parts of the Dominion and the United States, in most instances achieving a like success.

In Mr. Jackson's marriage with his now bereaved widow, he realized the truth of the inspired statement, "A prudent wife is from the Lord." In their joys and sorrows, their plans, their works of benevolence, and their princely contributions to the Church, they were "as two souls in one body." In March, 1833, the late Revs. James Evans and Edwy Ryerson conducted special religious services in the "First Methodist Church" in Hamilton,—a church of hallowed memories, and at that time one of the largest and best in our Methodism. Mrs. Jackson attended the services; and, during her husband's absence from home, was savingly converted to God. She returned to her house to shew what great things the Lord had done for her; and when her husband returned he was deeply affected by the living evidence thus presented, of the power of the Gospel to renew the heart and regulate the life. He pondered these things in his heart, in the meantime attending the meetings; and when, a few evenings afterwards, an invitation was given to penitents, he deliberately rose from his seat, took off his overcoat, and went forward to the place of prayer. His conversion, which took place a few days subsequently, was clear and distinct. At that time he had in his employ a large number of men, most if not all of whom were unconverted, and one at least had imbibed sceptical views on the subject of religion. But great as the cross might appear to some, Mr. Jackson at once erected the family altar, and invited all the men to join in this service. They responded to the invitation without exception, and in a very short time they were all converted to God. Talents thus exercised are sure to develop. So it was in this instance, for in about two months from the day of his conversion, Mr. Jackson was appointed to the office of class-leader, and remained such to the day of his death. His piety pervaded alike the heart and the intellect. He made himself thoroughly familiar with the doctrines and discipline of the Church; and while he was a man of large and liberal views, his loyalty and attachment to the Church of his choice was deep and lasting. His was a cheerful religion. His bright smile and pleasant voice attracted the young and the aged, and made his presence in the social circle a pleasure and a benefit to all. As a class-leader he had few equals, and perhaps no superiors. He was diffident beyond measure, but when duty called