

Dr. Elliott went from Hamilton to Quebec as secretary of the Canada Conference; and was appointed to the chairmanship of that district, an office which he has held in different districts, to the present time. In 1866 he was nominated president of the Canada Conference, and appointed by the British Conference, taking the presidential chair the next year, and discharging the duties of that office, we are told by a writer in the *Canada Methodist Magazine*, March, 1875, "with remarkable efficiency." He has since been President twice of the Montreal Conference. The writer just quoted says of Dr. Elliott, that "he owes his standing to the safety of his judgment, the weight of his character, and his efficiency as a preacher. He is not a declaimer nor critically expository, but his preaching is original, sage, and satisfying. He is entirely devoid of *finesse*, and never condescends to any device for eliciting popular favor. If there are any circuits that desire smooth things to be prophesied to them, they are not likely to send for Rev. James Elliott; but if any circuit should get into complications, and require a strong, steady hand to hold the reins, there are a great many churches that our subject would be asked for."

He received the title of Doctor of Divinity from the authorities of Victoria College, in 1876, but we doubt if he feels any more learned, or wise or self-important. The honor was as unexpected as unsolicited. Although he has seen his three score years, and has been a very hard worker, he has great physical force and unabated mental vigor, steadily pressing on in his arduous labors, a stranger to "blue Mondays." For his pastoral "vacation" he may wait till the next world. Such a faithful worker must enjoy with especial zest, the "rest" which remains "for the people of God."

The present wife of the Doctor was Lydia Jane Maley, of Kemptville, daughter of Thomas Maley. They were married in 1856, and have four children. He has one child living by the first wife, whose father was from Vermont, and was a relative by marriage of the celebrated painter, Benjamin West.

DAVID J. HUGHES,

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DAVID JOHN HUGHES, Judge of the county of Elgin, was born in Kingsbridge, Devonshire, England, May 7, 1820, his father being the Rev. David Hughes, a dissenting minister, and of a very old family from the South of Wales. His mother, whose maiden name was Jane Morrish Higman, belonged to an old Cornish family. In 1832 the father of our subject came with his family to Lower Canada, and two weeks after reaching Montreal, died of cholera at Coteau du Lac, and the widow returned to England with a daughter. The son, then twelve years of age, was afterwards adopted and educated by his brother-in-law, Hon. John Wilson, an