

While reared on a farm he learned the carpenter's trade, attending school in the winter. He began teaching at the age of twenty, and was educated at the State Normal School, California, Pa., and Bethany College, West Virginia, making his own way through school.

He was baptized into the Baptist church at the age of sixteen, united with the Disciples of Christ at twenty one, and entered upon the work of the ministry at twenty-five, with the old Pigeon Creek Church of Christ, Washington county, Pa. His labors during the eighteen months he served that church, were extended to other localities and through forces he set in motion, more than three hundred persons were baptized. In October, 1870, he began a successful work at Niagara Falls, N. Y., building up a good church there, and planting one at Pekin of nearly one hundred members, besides conducting a successful meeting in Buffalo, N. Y. In January, 1874, he took charge of the work in Buffalo, paying off the debts of the church, and in two years making it a good self sustaining church, besides holding meetings in Selkirk, Canada, that added ninety to the church there. In January, 1876, at the earnest solicitation of the Welling Cooperation of Canada, he entered upon evangelistic work in the province of Ontario, where he remained four years, planting in all eight new churches and strengthening several old ones.

Much worn out he returned to his home at Niagara Falls, N. Y., where he gathered up and rallied the forces of the church, and planted a church at Fredonia, N. Y. During this time he was tendered the position of special agent of the U. S. Treasury for the Niagara District, which he accepted and served for four and one half years, supplying churches on Sundays, and preaching as opportunity presented itself. He retired from this office in January,

1885, and accepted the position of corresponding secretary of the New York Christian Missionary Society. Under his administration the churches were planted at Wellsville and Rochester, and excellent houses of worship built at each place. Four and one half years were devoted exclusively to the Rochester work. A general revival of interest was found in nearly all the churches of the state, new houses of worship were built in Troy, Buffalo and Tonawanda, and new churches organized in all these cities, growing largely out of the interest created in the new church at Rochester.

At the earnest solicitation of the president and board of trustees of Hiram College, Ohio, he accepted the position of financial secretary of the college September 1, 1891, and during the nine years he has served in that capacity, he and President Zollars have added to the endowment nearly three hundred thousand dollars, built the Christian Association and other buildings at an aggregate cost of fully forty thousand dollars, besides adding several new departments and augmenting the attendance.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hertzog was at Hiram, the seat of the college.