
IN MEMORIAM.

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE.

In reviewing the past year the Committee find that New Brunswick has suffered the loss of many valuable brethren in the ministry. The following statement respecting them is condensed chiefly from particulars that have already appeared in public print :—

The REV. JAMES WALLACE, of Coverdale, the oldest Baptist minister of the Eastern Association of New Brunswick, died last winter ; his funeral took place on the 10th of March.

Bro. Wallace was set apart to the ministerial office in 1826, and laboured zealously for a considerable length of time ; but in a later period of his life he retired from active labor in the gospel as a minister. This, he afterwards deeply regretted, and again resumed the work of the ministry, and laboured successfully in Hillsborough, Hopewell, Harvey, Butternut Ridge, New Canaan, Caledonia and Coverdale. In 1859, 140 converts were baptized by him in the churches of Butternut Ridge and New Canaan. Three of these converts have since become ordained ministers, and others are said to have the ministry in view. During many years of his life, Bro. Wallace occupied various public stations with credit.

The REV. J. R. STRANG, died in May of this year, a native of P. E. Island, he was there converted and ordained. He afterwards spent some time in the United States, where he married and subsequently labored in the gospel in various places in New Brunswick, in all which he was highly esteemed, "as a devoted christian, an affectionate pastor, and a successful minister of the Lord Jesus." In his last field of labor, Upper Kingsclear, and Macnaquack, his ministry was signally blessed. The kind-hearted people of these places nobly resolved, when brother Strang was laid aside by sickness, that whether he lived or died, his family should be comfortably provided for. His early death has left a vacancy in the denomination which cannot be easily filled.

REV. WILLIAM PULSIFER, who also died during the current year, was born at Chester, N. S., in 1793, and "experienced and professed" religion when quite young. He was licensed to preach by the church at Cornwallis, and eventually moved to St. Martin's, N. B., where he frequently did the work of the ministry, laboring at other times at his trade, for the support of his family. He was publicly ordained at Upham, King's Co., N. B., and afterwards preached extensively both in New Brunswick and Maine, with great devotedness and zeal.

During 10 years or more he resided in Albert County, N. B., in feeble health, the people administering to his wants and those of his family, as faithfully as to those of their own pastor. His last illness was lingering, and his sufferings often very great, but the gospel abundantly supported him. "He fell" at last, "but felt no fear." He was the instrument of leading many to Christ.