

## REPORTS.

### ON OBITUARY NOTICES.

The Committee on Obituary Notices, report—

That, in the course of the year, the Divine Master has called several of our brethren to Himself on high, whose removal awakes very serious thought.

In Halifax, our aged brother, James W. Nutting, Esq., LL.D., of Granville street Church, at the age nearly of eighty-three years, recently entered into rest.

It is difficult to express in a few words the sentiments of mingled love and regret with which his sainted spirit is followed. Honest, earnest, judicious, kindly, while no man doubted his decided attachment to the Cross, and its reproach, he departed leaving behind him the somewhat unwonted record that no man was his enemy. It would not be easy to find a case in which there has been, through a long course of years, a gathering testimony to the christian and social worth of any individual so uninterrupted by any whisper of disapprobation.

It is well known that Brother Nutting has actively combined with the denomination from the earliest commencement of their labours in Education and Missions—home and foreign,—and always with the highest benefit, arising from his kind, wise, and christian counsel; but especially as, for many years, co-editor, with the late lamented John Ferguson, of the *Christian Messenger*.

In the Church, except when detained by ill health, he was ever in his place, and his example salutary. May there be many like him.

The Rev. William Hall, who was also removed from us during the last year, studied in early life at the Windsor Collegiate Academy, intending to follow the legal profession; but when afterwards he was converted to God, he relinquished this purpose and resolved to devote himself to the work of the christian ministry. He was baptized in Horton, and united with the 1st Horton Church, from which also he was licensed to preach. He was ordained in Fredericton in 1842, where also as pastor of the Church in that place, he spent some time. He was two or three years pastor of the Long Island Church, where he was instrumental in adding many to their number. In Windsor, N. S., also, and St. George, N. B., he filled the pastoral office. He performed various Missionary tours in different parts of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, with considerable success. Brother Hall, as a preacher, was above mediocrity; as a man, he had his failings, but they may be principally traced to constitutional peculiarities; he was eminently sincere and honest in his aims, and warmly attached to our distinctive principles, as taught in the New Testament; while a broad and catholic spirit made him a lover of all good men.

His last illness was only of a few weeks duration. As his end approached, his faith grew stronger, and his peace more profound; and after a good deal of bodily suffering, sustained with great patience, in February last he fell asleep.