

required to search the scripture and become familiar with its teachings, so that at any moment he may be able to give a reason for the hope that is in him. Thus we believe their minds will be fortified against error, and they prepared to stand, and having done all stand for God and truth.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report on Obituaries.

During the past year one of the ministers of this Association has been removed by death; but he was a veteran soldier, who had "fought the good fight," had "finished his course," and was waiting for the summons.

REV. GEORGE RICHARDSON died at his home near Sydney, C. B., on the 4th of January, 1878, having almost reached the age of 88.

This devoted and faithful servant of Christ was born in Ireland in 1790. His parents were of English descent, and belonged to the Episcopal church, in which system he was carefully instructed. Early in life he was brought to a personal knowledge and experience of the grace of God that renews the heart and transforms the life. His experience was deep and his conversion thorough, and he soon after became a member of the Baptist Church in his native town. Having found the way of life himself, he at once began to labor for the salvation of those about him, and so evangelical and earnest were these efforts that by the blessing of God they resulted in bringing numbers to God, among whom were several of his near relatives.

He continued to labor in the gospel, with the hearty approval of his brethren, and about the year 1820 emigrated to Canada. After remaining for a short time in Quebec, he came to Nova Scotia, where he served the Master faithfully in various places, almost to the close of his long career. St. Margaret's Bay, Hammond's Plains, Stewiacke, Isaac's Harbor, and Sydney were the principal scenes of his labors, but he preached more or less frequently in many other places. He was ordained at Hammond's Plains in the year 1822.

Our venerable brother was remarkable for his thorough *soundness in the faith*. He held the great facts and truths of the gospel with a strong, unfaltering grasp. Jesus was the centre of his religious system. With what rapture and triumph he was wont to speak of the finished work of redemption through Christ. The word of God was his delight, and so fully had he devoted himself to it that his mind was stored with its doctrines and precepts.

Among his peculiarities may be mentioned, "*great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.*" This was manifest in his plain, pointed, fearless declaration of the whole truth and his equally