

OBITUARIES.

REV. JOHN CRAWFORD, D.D.

A native of Ireland, came to this country in the prime of life, and after two terms of pastoral work in Hamilton, and one term in Cheltenham, he became a Professor in Woodstock College. For fourteen or fifteen years he assisted in training the rising ministry of our churches. Our late brother was of scholarly attainments, and of a clear and well-informed mind. His tongue and his pen were ever ready, and were often used in setting forth and in defending the truth. As preacher and teacher he was an important factor in the progress of our beloved denomination. At the age of 72 years, after a busy and useful life, he has been called home, regretted and honored by his brethren, who regard his death as no small loss to the cause of truth and righteousness.

BENJAMIN BELL

Was born in the Township of Grimsby, in the year 1816. He removed to St. George in 1838, where he identified himself with the Baptist church, of which he continued to be an influential and respected member until his death, Sunday, March 6th, 1892. Brother Bell took a warm interest in our denominational enterprises, especially Home and Foreign Missions.

He was for about fifteen years the Treasurer of the Home Missionary Convention, then known as the Convention West, in which position he frequently befriended needy missionaries by advancing money to pay their grants when the treasury was empty.

HON. ALEXANDER MACKENZIE

Was a native of Scotland, born near Dunkeld, Perthshire, January 28, 1822. In 1842 he came to Canada, settling near Kingston, but soon after removed to Sarnia, where he engaged in the business of builder and contractor. In 1852 he started a newspaper called the *Lamton Shield*. In 1861 he was elected to the Legislature, and after Confederation, sat in the Dominion Parliament. He became Premier under Lord Dufferin, in 1873. He was a man of rugged and sterling integrity of character, whom even his political opponents looked up to with respect.

Mr. Mackenzie united with the Baptist church in Sarnia, and remained a Baptist until his death. He frequently served on College and other Boards, but the press of political duties prevented him from appearing frequently at our denominational gatherings.

W. H. HUSTON, M.A.

The college, the church, and the denomination generally, suffered a loss in the death of this worthy brother. Faithfully did he serve every department of our cause, and to that which was his special field he gave unreservedly the full powers of his manhood. As an educator of youth, as an earnest Christian, and as a worthy man, he leaves behind him a memory that will be ever precious.