



MR. CHARLES F. CLINCH.

Our Loss.

During the past week the Baptist denomination in New Brunswick has suffered the loss of two men who stood high in the esteem of all who knew them, and whose departure is deeply felt, not only by the families and the churches to which they respectively belonged, but by the entire communities in which they lived, and the denomination with which they stood connected. We allude to Mr. Charles F. Clinch, whose death occurred at his home at Musquash, on the evening of Tuesday, the 7th inst., and to Montesquieu McDonald, Esq., who died very suddenly at his summer home at Westfield, on the morning of Thursday, the 9th.

Mr. Clinch was born at St. George, Charlotte county, seventy-two years ago. It is more than thirty years since he settled at Musquash, or Clinch's Mills, about fifteen miles from St. John, where he spent the remainder of his life. Mr. Clinch was for many years extensively engaged in the lumbering and milling business, and was widely and most favorably known in business circles. His religious life was of a very genuine and positive character. He was a Baptist from conviction, and the support which he gave to the cause was loyal and generous. Residing in a part of the country in which the Baptist cause was represented by a number of weak and scattered interests, his care for them was constant and active. To him largely it has been due that the field has been so generally provided with pastoral labor, and he was ever the warm friend, the wise counsellor and active helper of the pastor. His doors were freely open to the ministers of the gospel, and many are those who have shared the generous hospitality of the home presided over by one who has been in the truest sense the partner and helper of her husband. Mr. Clinch felt a deep interest in the denomination at large and the various branches of its work. He fully enjoyed the confidence of his brethren, and his counsel and co-operation were highly valued. For quite a number of years Mr. Clinch was a member of the Foreign Mission Board, in the work of which he evinced a deep and active interest. In 1879, when the Convention met at Truro, Mr. Clinch was chosen to preside. He was widely known and highly esteemed in the denomination. The intelligence of his death will be received with deep and general regret, and warm sympathy will be felt for Mrs. Clinch and the bereaved family. Funeral services were held at Mr. Clinch's late residence on Friday morning, Pastor Fields presiding. A very impressive and appropriate address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Gates of St. John. Dr. Manning of the F. M. Board, Rev. P. J. Stackhouse and S. McC. Black were also present and took part in the services.

Mr. Mont. McDonald was born in Queens County, N. B., in 1846, and was therefore 54 years of age. The intelligence of his death came as a sudden and terrible shock to his friends who had supposed him to be in the enjoyment of excellent health. On Thursday morning at an early hour he awoke, complaining of great distress in the region of his heart. Such remedies as were at hand were administered, and, feeling somewhat relieved, he lay down upon a lounge, but shortly afterward sank into unconsciousness and in a few minutes had passed away. Death was doubtless due to heart-failure. Only since his death has it become known to his friends that not long ago, in the court house at Fredericton, Mr. McDonald suffered an attack which indicated a weakened condition of the heart. The sudden taking away of Mr. McDonald has caused real and general sorrow. There are few men connected with this community more widely and sincerely esteemed. He was a man of peculiarly kind and sympathetic nature, who entered with genuine feeling into the troubles of others. Therefore many sought his counsel and

were helped by his friendship. He was a Christian man, a humble follower of Christ, who felt that he was called to serve, and we believe he sincerely and constantly sought to conduct his business on Christian principles. To the Germain St. church, of which he had been for many years a most highly esteemed member he was strongly attached, serving it in the office of trustee and manifesting a deep interest in its welfare. In his death the church has suffered a sad bereavement. To denominational work he gave unstinted service, especially in connection with the Educational work in this Province, and the Foreign Mission work. For many years, if not from the first, he had been a member of the Board of Directors of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. In this connection his helpful and



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sympathetic counsel had always been highly prized, and it is with a sad sense of personal bereavement that the editor of the paper now writes these lines.

Mr. McDonald was a member of the legal profession. His preparatory studies were pursued in the office of Dr. Silas Alward of St. John. He was admitted as attorney in 1870 and as barrister in 1871. In 1882 he was appointed clerk of the St. John County Court, and had served in that capacity ever since. He enjoyed a large practice, and in personal character no man connected with the bar of the Province had a higher standing.

The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon from the deceased's city residence on Carleton Street. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Gates assisted by Revs. Dr. Manning and A. T. Dykeman. The large number of citizens present, including the members of the bar, who attended in a body, and the tender expressions of regard and regret heard on every hand, evinced the high esteem in which Mr. McDonald was held by his fellow-townsmen and the general and sincere sympathy which is felt for the bereaved family.

Wolfville Letter.

Permit me, Mr. Editor, to announce myself to old students, and others who may wish to communicate with me, at

HOME AGAIN.

Professor Haley has very kindly attended to correspondence in my absence, and Professor E. W. Sawyer to the distribution of the college calendars. I shall now be happy to attend to both these matters, and shall be pleased to hear from any who may desire information respecting college affairs. The

TRIP TO THE WEST.

including four weeks in Ontario, and two in Manitoba, was very enjoyable and profitable, barring a temporary indisposition in Winnipeg at the close of the Convention, which the writer shared for two or three days with about one-third of the delegates, as a penalty for drinking too freely of the alkaline water of the Assiniboine—the source of supply for the Winnipeg water system. The Convention, as your correspondents have reported, was a memorable gathering, full of life, of purpose, and of power. The question as to the demand for a National Convention is settled in the affirmative, we venture to think, for all those who attended the Convention at Winnipeg. Winnipeg itself is an immensely interesting place, and illustrates the rapid development of all that great Western world. When the writer visited the West six years ago, the population of the city was about 25,000; today it is 50,000. The appearance of the city when one passes beyond the immediate centre suggests the rapidly growing youth in his teens—all arms and legs, needing to be filled up and rounded out. It is not improbable that within the life of our young people, Winnipeg may become a city with a population of half a million.

The great event of recent times for the Baptists of the west, is the opening of Brandon College on the foundation of the excellent work which has been carried on for years by Professor S. J. McKee. Dr. McDiarmid is universally regarded as the man to lead forward this educa-

tional enterprise with wisdom and success. Professor McKee's valuable services have been retained as co-adjutor of Dr. McDiarmid, and the prospects of the college are excellent.

THE NEW COLLEGE YEAR.

It is too early to speak with confidence of the prospects of our own institutions for the coming year. Principal Brittain was in town for a day or two last week, and reported favorably respecting students for the Academy. Now he is away again completing his canvass.

Principal MacDonald is hard at work on the field, and may come in sight any day with the rewards of his toil. We shall be able to speak more intelligently of the outlook for all the institutions a fortnight hence. It is reasonable to expect that the efforts that are being put forth by the representatives of the schools, supplemented by the sympathetic assistance of the many friends of the educational work, will secure a large attendance for each of the institutions. Every Baptist boy and girl, to whom Providence has made it possible at all, ought to get to Wolfville and take out of these schools something to enrich life and gird it for the service of God and men. Even a year well improved would mean an immense blessing. Let parents and young people lay this to heart. Send for calendars.

DR. CRAMP'S LIBRARY.

It will be remembered by some that the late Dr. Cramp bequeathed a portion of his library to the college. The greater part of it, however, was left to his heirs as part of his estate, and has been preserved in the Cramp residence at Wolfville. During the present summer, Miss Cramp and her brother, Mr. George Cramp of Montreal, have been in town, and the entire collection containing about two thousand volumes, has been presented to the college. The collection contains many highly valuable books, especially in the department of ecclesiastical history and religious biography, and will constitute a very substantial addition to the library. The books will not be distributed throughout the general library, but will be massed with the books received at Dr. Cramp's death as a memorial unit, in a set of shelves specially arranged in proximity to the memorial tablet which adorns the north wall. A suitable inscription will be attached, and everyone will feel that another most appropriate memorial has been erected of that learned and godly man, who through so many years and to such purpose devoted his life to the interests of Acadia. The gift is highly appreciated.

"GONE BY THE UPLAND WAY."

On Thursday the 9th inst., Mrs. Marie Woodworth Tufts, wife of our esteemed Professor J. F. Tufts, passed away, in the midst of her years, being in the 51st year of her age. The disease which issued in her death was of a cancerous nature, and had been slowly but surely doing its work for two years or more. In the passing of Mrs. Tufts there has gone from our midst a personality of unique charm and influence, and so connected with our life and work here as to call for a word of special comment and record. Mrs. Tufts was formerly a Miss Woodworth, daughter of Mr. Levi C. Woodworth of Canning. She was graduated from the 'Grand Pre' Seminary in 1867. In 1873 she was appointed preceptress over the ladies' department of Horton Academy, Dr. T. A. Higgins, principal. For five years she held that position. There is in the writer's home one who was a student under Miss Woodworth at that time, and from this one he has been hearing for years of the high intelligence, abounding sympathy, and eminent success with which the preceptress did her work. A couple of years ago the students of those former days established a memorial of their appreciation by furnishing a room in Acadia Seminary, which will be permanently known as the Marie Woodworth Tufts room. They also made Mrs. Tufts a life-member of the Alumnae Society. In 1878 Miss Woodworth was married to Professor Tufts. Since then her home has been her empire, and with what grace and charm and Christian devotion she has reigned therein is known in part to many besides her family. She has also been a devoted worker in the church, in the W. C. T. U., and in every religious and philanthropic enterprise. Her unusual intelligence, fine literary attainments, and spiritual forcefulness have won for her in all these relationships the admiration and love of her friends and fellow workers, and have made her influence very strong. The best women of the town were simply devoted to her, and will cherish her memory as a sacred thing. What her going must mean to the husband whose life has been bound up with hers in an almost ideal relationship for 21 years, and to the two sons and two daughters who are left behind, we cannot know. We do know that they have left to them an exceedingly precious legacy in the memory of a life filled with high thoughts, high purposes, unselfish love and strenuous spiritual endeavor. In their great loss they will have the abounding sympathy of their many friends.

Mrs. Tufts was almost as deeply interested in theological and philosophical questions as in general literature. She had faced in a deeply thoughtful way the problems of death and the future life, and had become possessed of convictions deep and abiding that the solution of all these problems was in the hands of Jesus Christ. The future life was to her a vivid reality. In the prospect of death "Rock of Ages" and "The Crossing of the Bar" were her favorite poems.

The funeral service took place on Friday afternoon the 10th inst., conducted by the Rev. H. R. Hatch assisted by the writer. The hymns sung were the two already mentioned and "Lead Kindly Light." In harmony with the triumphant faith of the departed, and her expressed preference, the ordinary trappings of mourning were all absent. A white casket contained the remains, flowers lent to the scene their beauty and their fragrance, white horses drew the hearse to the cemetery. There was in it all an undertone of exultancy, the true note of the New Testament, and we found passing through our mind again and again the eminently Christian words of Wade Robinson:

"On that wonderful day
When I am still on the bed,
Smile through your weeping and say—
'Gone by the Upland Way,'
Do not say I am dead."

Wolfville, Aug. 10th.

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