

THE REV. DONALD McKERRACHER.—This estimable minister departed this life on the 13th of July. For a number of years Mr. McKerracher laboured faithfully and endured hardness in the mission fields in the North-West, more particularly at Prince Arthur's Landing and neighbouring stations. He had only been a few months settled in Wallaceburg, in the Presbytery of Chatham, when he was taken to his rest and reward. But he had already won the affections of his congregation and of his co-presbyters. When we say that he was a man of genuine missionary spirit, we feel that we can pronounce no higher eulogium.

THE REV. ROBERT HALL died at the Manse, East Nisouri, on the 26th July, in the fiftieth year of his age. He was a native of Northumberland, England. At the instance of the late Dr. Taylor, of Montreal, he came to Canada in 1853, and having studied theology, was licensed in due course, and, in April, 1860, was ordained and inducted to a pastorate of a group of congregations, two of which, North and South Nisouri, constituted his charge at the time of his death. He was a devoted minister, who laboured bravely and faithfully amid many discouragements and with very inadequate support. He was a man of superior intellect and of scholarly attainments.

THE REV. THOMAS SCOTT, of Plantagenet, died on Sabbath, the 7th August, in the sixty-fifth year of his age. He had been for some months in failing health, but the end came suddenly. On the previous day he had a stroke of apoplexy, and from that time was insensible. Mr. Scott was born at Ballylesson, County of Antrim, Ireland, received his theological education at Belfast College, and was ordained in 1844. Some years ago he retired from the active duties of the ministry, though he frequently conducted Divine service in the absence of stated supply. He was a warm-hearted, genial man, a fluent speaker, and an excellent preacher.

THE REV. WILLIAM CRAIGIE, for twenty-five years minister of the Presbytery Church at Port Dover, died on the 23rd of October, aged fifty-nine. Mr. Craigie had been in failing health for some months; latterly his sickness became severe, and the end came quickly. By his death the Church has lost an excellent and devoted minister, the Presbytery of Hamilton one of its most useful members, and his own congregation a pastor whose walk and conversation commended and adorned the Gospel of peace that he proclaimed with faithfulness and delight to others. Mr. Craigie was a native of Perthshire, Scotland. He has left a widow, a son and daughter to mourn his loss.

THE REV. ALEXANDER FORBES departed this life at Waterdown, Ontario, on the 30th of October. He was the eldest son of the Rev. Robert Forbes, the parish minister of Monymusk, and was born in Morayshire, and was educated for the ministry at the University of Aberdeen. In 1854 he came to New Brunswick, and ministered for some time at Dalhousie. His last charge was that of Inverness, Quebec, from which, owing to impaired health, he retired about ten years ago, and took up his residence in Waterdown.

THE REV. PETER McDERMID, of Point Edward, Presbytery of Sarnia, died on the 15th of October. Mr. McDermid was born in the County of Glengarry, and was educated for the ministry at Knox College, Toronto. In 1860 he was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge at Bethesda Creek and Burns Church, near Sarnia. His latter days were spent at Point Edward. Mr. McDermid was a man of high intellectual gifts and scholarly attainments, an excellent preacher, and a man of large and broad sympathies, whose crowning excellency was his genuine unostentatious piety.

THE REV. JAMES WATSON, one of the venerable fathers of the Church, departed this life at New Annan, Nova Scotia, on the 12th December, in the seventy-eighth year of his age. He was a native of Scotland. In 1842 he came to Nova Scotia, where he devoted himself for several years, with eminent success, to teaching. In 1846 he resumed ministerial work, and was settled at Economy and Five Islands. In 1852 he accepted a call to West River, Pictou, where he laboured till 1857. In 1859 he was settled at New Annan, where he remained during the remainder of his days, devoting himself to his work with diligence and faithfulness.

THE REV. DR. JOHN M. BROOKE, of Fredericton, N.B., departed this life on the 16th of January, in the eighty-first year of his age. Dr. Brooke was a native of Slamaunan, Stirlingshire, Scotland. He was educated for the ministry at Edinburgh University, and was ordained in 1839. His first field of labour was at New Richmond, Bay of Chaleurs, where he remained working faithfully and successfully for nearly four years before he was called to a larger sphere of usefulness. He was inducted into the charge of St. Paul's Church, Fredericton, in February, 1843. At the time of the union he was the oldest minister of the Church of Scotland in the Maritime Provinces. He was of a kind and sympathetic disposition, an excellent scholar, a good preacher, and a most exemplary pastor.

THE REV. JOHN G. MCGREGOR died at Elora, in the eighty-second year of his age. He was a native of Fifeshire, Scotland; came to Canada in 1846, and was ordained pastor of Knox Church, Guelph, in the following year. That charge he resigned in 1851, and engaged in mission work for some two years, when he was appointed Head Master of the Elora Grammar School, which position he filled with marked ability for eighteen years. When advancing years compelled him to vacate that office he applied himself to mission work, in which he was more or less actively employed till within a short time of his death.

THE REV. JOHN BLACK, D.D., of Kildonan, Manitoba. After a long illness and great weakness of body, Dr. Black departed this life on Sabbath, the 12th of February. He was a native of Dunfriesshire, Scotland, and was the pioneer of Presbyterian missions in the North-West. Kildonan was settled by Highlanders from Sutherlandshire, who, in 1812 and 1816, left their native parish of the same name to form a little colony under Lord Selkirk. For forty years they were wholly indebted