

## APPENDIX No. 32.

## OBITUARY NOTICES.

**Rev. William Reid, D.D.**, was born in Kildrummie, Aberdeenshire, on the 10th December, 1816. He studied in King's College, Aberdeen, and obtained at the age of seventeen the degree of A.M. After completing his theological course, he was licensed as a preacher of the gospel by the Presbytery of Fordyce, of the Established Church of Scotland. He was appointed as a Missionary to Canada, where he arrived in September, 1839, and where he continued until the close of life to labour. In the land of his adoption, he was spared to work for the Master for fifty-six years. When the Disruption of 1844 took place in Canada, Dr. Reid cast in his lot with the band of twenty-three ministers, who united in forming the Presbyterian Church of Canada, popularly known as the Free Church. He took an active part in the establishment of Queen's College, Kingston, and afterwards of Knox College, Toronto. In 1851, Dr. Reid became a Joint Clerk of the Synod, and after the death of Mr. John Burns, in 1853, he became sole clerk of the Synod, editor of the *Missionary Record*, and agent of the Church. The acceptance of these offices led to his demission of the charge of the Picton congregation and his removal to Toronto. After the union of 1875, Dr. Reid was relieved of his editorial duties, but he continued to act as Joint Clerk of the Assembly and General Agent of the Church, until the 19th of January, 1895, when he entered on his rest.

**Rev. James Williamson, M.A., LL.D.**, was born at Edinburgh, in 1806. He was educated at the High School and at Edinburgh University, where he graduated in 1827. Choosing the ministry for his profession he was licensed in 1831, and settled at Kilsyth, a mining district, afterwards removing to Drumelzie as assistant minister. He was appointed tutor to the family of Charles X. of France, then living in exile at Holyrood Palace. He also had a share in establishing the *North British Review*. In 1842 he came to Canada to take a chair in Queen's College, Kingston, which had opened its classes the previous year, and of which he remained a professor till his death. He died at Kingston on the 26th of September, 1895, at the age of 89. A man of ripe scholarship he was greatly beloved by all his students, and has left a great blank in the University to which he was so devotedly attached.

**Rev. R. J. Laidlaw, LL.D.**, was a native of Canada. He completed his theological course of study at Princeton, and immediately afterwards was ordained as a minister of the Gospel, and inducted into a pastoral charge in the United States in 1871. From this he was translated to a charge in Detroit, and from this again he was called, and, in due course, inducted as pastor of St. Paul's Church, Hamilton. This congregation, like those to which he had previously ministered, prospered under his care, increasing in numbers, and in the readiness and liberality with which they responded to appeals made to them to support and encourage the Church in the enterprises in which she felt herself called by God to engage. He took an active interest in the general business of the Church, and his counsel, as a member of her courts, was always received with respect by those present. Family trial was sent upon him in the long affliction, ending in the death of his partner in life. His own sickness was protracted, but was borne with exemplary patience and resignation, and he died in the full assurance that he was going to be with Christ, the Master whom he served, and to receive the crown of life from His hand.

**Rev. Wm. McCulloch, D.D.**, was born at Picton, A.D. 1811, and died July 14, 1895. He was a son of Dr. Thomas McCulloch, one of the Presbyterian pioneers in the ministry and in the work of Education in Nova Scotia. He was educated in the Picton Academy, and in the University of Glasgow. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Picton, Aug. 6, 1838. He was ordained over the First Presbyterian congregation, Truro, Feb. 11, 1839. To this congregation he ministered till 1886, when he retired on account of infirmity, but continued as pastor emeritus till the day of his death. He was a man of eminence as a pastor, a presbyter, and an educator. He was identified with all the great progressive movements in the Church and in society, during the long period of his activity, and not only the community in which he lived, but the whole of Eastern Canada, felt the influence of his life.

**Rev. R. F. Burns, D.D.**—Born in Paisley, Scotland, December, 1826, died at Broughty Ferry, April 5th, 1896. He was educated in the University of Glasgow, in the Free Church College, Edinburgh, and in Knox College, Toronto. He was ordained over Chalmers Church, Kingston, in July, 1847. In 1855, he was translated to Knox Church, St. Catharines. In 1867, he removed to Chicago, where he laboured as pastor of the Scotch Church until 1870, when he was translated to Cote Street Church, Montreal. In 1875, he accepted a call to Fort Massey Church, Halifax, where he laboured till the winter of 1892, when he was laid aside by paralysis, and removed to Britain to end his days in his native land. In every sphere of life Dr. Burns was distinguished by qualities of mind and