

REV. J. H. DOOLITTLE, B. A.

Brother Doolittle was born in the year 1859, at Columbus, Ont. Like most of the boys who have become Canadian Baptist ministers, he spent his boyhood on the farm. At fifteen the Saviour found him. He was by nature an amiable lad; by grace he became a Christian of very sweet and beautiful spirit. Very soon after his conversion the conviction awoke that his appointed work was that of the ministry, and while still in his early teens, he made his way to Woodstock to begin his preparatory studies. After four or five years there, he entered the University of Toronto, and in due course obtained his B.A. degree. He then gave himself to theological studies at Toronto Baptist College, and was graduated with the class of 1885. He was a universal favorite. His last vacation before leaving College was spent in missionary labor at Emerson, Man., and the mutual attachment then engendered led, a year later, to his settlement at Emerson as pastor. His work there was much blessed. After about four years of service at Emerson, the brethren of the Manitoba and North-West Convention called him to the work of Superintendent of Missions. In this work he labored devotedly for about a year, serving not one church but all the churches, and establishing happy personal relations with the scattered brotherhood of Baptists throughout that vast territory. On relinquishing the Superintendency, he resumed pastoral work at Rapid City, and there, as elsewhere, made full proof of his ministry. Before the second year was ended, however, he was constrained to recognize that his health had become seriously impaired, and that rest was imperative. Coming East in 1891, he soon learned that the trouble was of a serious if not hopeless nature. Medical treatment, a trip to Georgia, the loving ministry of friends, all proved unavailing, and before long it was evident that the end must be death. Like so many another workman, the sound of the summons at noonday startled him. His work seemed only well begun. How eager he was to fill out his day in the holy service! A little while, however, and his Gethsemane was passed, and with joyful self-surrender he could exclaim: "Not my will, but Thine be done." He fell asleep in Jesus February 27th, 1893, aged 34 years. His memory is very blessed.

A communication was received from the Dominion Alliance requesting the appointment of a Temperance Committee. In accord with the request, the following were named: Brethren P. C. Parker, O. C. S. Wallace, D. Spencer, J. B. Warner, I. Wardell, D. Bentley, said committee to have in hand the appointment of delegates to represent the Convention in meetings of the Dominion Alliance and other temperance work.

Miss Alice Hitchon, who is about to engage in mission work among the Indians of the North-West, was introduced and addressed the Convention.

The Home Mission Board having stated the estimates for the coming year as \$27,000.00, the Convention endorsed the same.

Manitoba and the North-West presented their estimates at \$5,000.00, the Convention endorsing the same.

The Grande Ligne estimates were placed at \$12,000.00, the Convention sanctioning the same.