

REV. EZRA A. ORSER.

Rev. Ezra A. Orser was born in the county of Prince Edward, near the town of Picton, February 12th, 1819. He came of the U. E. Loyalist stock, who were amongst the first Methodists in the Bay of Quinte District. He was converted very early in life. After serving as a local preacher for some years, he entered the work of the ministry of the late M. E. Church at the Conference held at Farmersville (now Athens), September 4th, 1844. After thirty years in the active work of the ministry, he was forced by infirmity to ask for superannuation. In his retirement he continued to serve the Church as he had opportunity and strength. He had charge of the following circuits:—Brighton, Wolfe Island, Milford, Camden, Stirling, Matilda, Melville, Lyn, Easton's Corners, Elgin, Gananoque, Tamworth, Kingston, etc. Many seals to his ministry were given to him on all his charges. To his family he has left the memory of a blameless and useful life. Suddenly the call to reward came, and he entered into rest April 1st, 1892, at Kingston, aged seventy-three years and one month.

REV. DUNNING IDLE.

Another heart has ceased to beat. The lips of another messenger of mercy have been sealed. Another ambassador for God has been stayed in his embassy. Another voice is hushed, and another watchman on the Walls of Zion has been called from the duties of life to the rest and reward of heaven. Brother Idle was born in Yorkshire, England, on the 7th day of May, 1845. He came to Canada with his parents when he was twelve years of age, and at the age of sixteen he was led to Christ, largely through the influence of a devoted Christian mother, who for many years was a local preacher in connection with the Primitive Methodist Church. Up to that time he had enjoyed but few educational advantages; but being of a studious disposition, he read such theological works as he could obtain, and became an effective local preacher. At the age of twenty he was sent to supply on the Artemesia and Sullivan Mission. He was received on trial the following year, and labored successfully on the following Circuits:—Bradford, Walsingham, Woodham, McGillivray, Etobicoke, Palgrave, Temperanceville, East Toronto and Goodwood. Brother Idle was an earnest worker, and his preaching was practical and useful in building up the Church of God. He was married to Miss Wellwood, who was a helpmate indeed, and who, with three daughters is left to mourn the loss of a loving husband and devoted father. During the last four weeks of his life he was engaged in a special meeting where upwards of eighty persons professed conversion. Then he was stricken down, and at the end of eight days "He was not, for God took him." As the end drew near he said to his brother-in-law (Rev. N. Wellwood), "I know not what the outcome of this illness may be, but I am not anxious about that, it will be all right whether I live or die. I should like to live and work a little longer, but if it is God's will to take me home now, this is a glorious way to finish up." His last conscious hours were spent in arranging the affairs of his Circuit. He almost ceased at once to work and live. His remains were taken to Uxbridge for interment. His Chairman, Rev. Joseph Young, preached the funeral sermon. On the resurrection morning we shall meet again; till then, farewell.