

7.—*What Preachers have been superannuated ?*

Thos. Guttery and Richard Auger.

8.—*What Preachers have died during the year ?*

George J. Reeve.

REV. G. J. REEVE, our departed brother, was born at Terrington, Norfolk, England, May 12th, 1850. He was the son of George and Ann Reeve, now residing at Walpole, St. Peters, Norfolk. His parents were then, and are now, connected with the Primitive Methodist Church. Bro. Reeve was cradled in Primitive Methodism. This doubtless fostered in him that deep denominational patriotism which he cherished toward the church of his father, and ultimately of his choice. He was converted to God in early life. His parents instructed him in the things of God. On one occasion in early childhood, he went to his mother and, kneeling by her, anxiously asked her to tell him about Jesus; the saving change, however, was not realized until the 17th of April, 1864. It was then, to quote his own words, "That I ventured my all on Jesus and found pardon through his blood." The Church evidently considered that he had both gifts and graces for conducting religious exercises, for, only ten months after he had united with the church, he was authorized by the circuit to conduct public services. Our young and earnest exhorter would often accompany several of the local preachers to their appointments and assist them by reading the scriptures, offering prayer, and giving addresses. Among these was his own father. For two years he laboured in a local capacity, when he was advised by his circuit to enter the regular ministry. After much thought and prayer he consented, and commenced his work as a home missionary on the Hammersmith Mission, as the colleague of the Rev. Mr. Fowler. When in the second year of his ministry he was sent to Canada, and filled the four years of his probation with credit to himself and honor to the church. He was recommended for ordination by the Quarterly Meeting of Laskey Circuit, and was ordained to the ranks of the Gospel Ministry, at the Conference held at Guelph, 1875.

Our departed brother, as a Christian, had a clear scriptural experience: he knew the day and hour of his conversion. He would give a reason for the hope that was in him; he was a good and useful preacher; undoubtedly possessed elements of power, but dying before his day had reached its noon—they had not reached the zenith of their maturity. His aim was not to show himself off, but to save those who heard him. During long weary months of affliction he suffered a great deal. Considering his condition, as his medical attendant said, "it was a mystery that he lived so long." Through all his sufferings he was cheerful, and would often try to sing a verse of one of his favorite hymns. Patience and resignation were exhibited in his disposition to the last; and so long as life continued he never lost interest in his work. His death took place at Sandford, in the 29th year of his age, on Sabbath evening, Feb. 16, 1879, as at such a time he had closed many a Sabbath's earnest toll when in health, so it was on a Sabbath evening that he was missed on

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