

## OBITUARIES.

## REV. WILLIAM YOUNG.

William Young was born in the township of Murray, Province of Ontario, in the year 1808. He belonged to one of the early families who immigrated to this country when the greater part of it was an unexplored wilderness; where the early Methodist preacher, on his long pioneer journeys, always found a cordial welcome and a comfortable home, though none of the family were at this time professing Christians. He was soundly converted to God at the age of eighteen in a watch-night meeting at Carryingplace, and identified himself with the Methodist Church, commencing at once to work for the salvation of souls, and in a short time had the joy of seeing nearly all the members of his father's large family converted to God. He entered the ministry in 1835, and labored faithfully and successfully until, through toil and exposure, his health gave way, and he was compelled to retire from the work he loved so well in the year 1859. Wm. Young, during the years of his ministry, never spared himself. In his prime his voice was one of great range and power. There was a pathos about it that at once arrested attention, and brought home to the heart and conscience of the sinner, under the Spirit's influence, the solemn truths uttered with a wondrous force, that at times was almost irresistible. Especially at the old-fashioned camp-meetings, which he loved so well, was Wm. Young a master preacher. Since 1859 until his death he lived in Trenton, surrounded by several members of his large and loving family, three of whom are ministers—two in the Methodist Church in Canada, and one in the Congregational Church in the United States. His retirement from active service did not lessen his interest in the salvation of men, or the prosperity of the Church of his choice, always manifesting a disposition to be present at all the services when health permitted, and rendering assistance to the full extent of his ability. He was a great reader, and seemed to those who knew him best like a great encyclopædia ever kept written up to date. For some months before his death his health gradually gave way, and he would sometimes remark, "That God, in His great kindness toward him, was so gently taking down the tabernacle that he did not experience an ache or a pain." For him, death had no sting, and the grave no gloom; he calmly and trustfully fell asleep in Jesus on the 2nd of July, 1890, and after an impressive funeral service, in which Revs. Dr. Dewart, William Buchanan, F. B. Stratton, D. F. Gee and others took part, we laid his remains to rest in Trenton cemetery to await the resurrection of the just. "He, being dead, yet speaketh."

## REV. WILLIAM G. NORMAN.

Rev. Wm. G. Norman was born January 12th, 1794, in the State of New York, of English or Welsh parents, and orphaned in early childhood. During the war of 1812 he entered the American army, and served till peace was proclaimed, after which he came to Canada and settled at Kingston, where he married a noble widow, Mrs. Babcock, who shared with him the toils of life for fifty years. They together united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Brother Norman soon received a local preacher's license, in which capacity he manifested great adaptability for the work of the ministry. In revival services he was a power for good, taking an active part in many, but especially in one held at Elizabethtown, in which about one thousand souls were converted. He was taken on probation at the Methodist Episcopal Conference, in 1836, in Belleville, and became the colleague of the late Benson Smith. He was given elder's orders in 1840, and labored faithfully and successfully until 1863, when the failing health of his beloved and useful companion made it necessary for him to superannuate in his seventieth year. He entered Methodism in Canada when it was a unit with but a small membership, saw it grow to vast proportions, dividing into numerous organizations under different forms of government, and was spared to see the happy reunion of all those societies in 1884. Father Norman was a devout, earnest Christian, an able minister, "holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience." His great success in soul-