

CONNEXIONAL COLLECTIONS.

<i>Fund.</i>	<i>When taken up.</i>	<i>To whom forwarded.</i>
General Conference.....	July	Dist. Fin. Sec.
Contingent.....	September	"
Union Church Relief	October	"
Superannuation	November or December	"
Educational	Time fixed by Fin. Dist. Meeting	"
S. S. Aid	Last Sunday in September	"
Sustentation	As early as possible	"
Missionary	Time fixed by Fin. Dist. Meeting	Dist. Chairman

QUESTION.—What Ministers or Probationers have died this year?

REV. RICHARD JONES.

Richard Jones was born at the military post of Isle au Neix, Nov. 21st, 1804. His father was a devout soldier, and serjeant-major in the regiment then stationed there. The boy was accustomed from infancy to the discipline of military life, as well as to the religious teaching of the Church of England. These, added to the thorough elementary education of the military school, built up a type of moral, religious, and intellectual character not easily surpassed. At the age of fifteen he accompanied his father (now retiring from military life) to the new settlements in the neighborhood of Perth, where for six years he shared in the sturdy toil of the Canadian pioneer. The new settlements around Perth, commenced in 1815, attracted nearly 1,000 soldiers, who between that date and 1820 filled up the surrounding townships. These pioneers were at once followed by the Methodist itinerant, and as early as 1817 we find Robert Jeffers, the father of Dr. Jeffers, preaching in the hotel kept by Joshua Adams, in Perth. In 1822 we find Perth and the back settlements on the list of Methodist stations, with the Rev. Franklin Metcalfe, preacher, in charge. During his first year, he gathered in one hundred converts, and in the year following a hundred more, and among these was the man to whom we pay this last tribute of respect to-day. Solomon Waldron and John Ryerson were his pastors for the next two years. Under the guidance of these men the elements of strength in the young convert were speedily developed. He became, while yet under twenty-one, class-leader and exhorter, and received unmistakably the call of God to his great life-work. Meanwhile, as he became a true servant of Christ, he was faithful to present duty, and gave his time and energy until he was fully of age to building up a home for his father. As soon as he had completed his twenty-first year, he hastened to give the life of which he was now the master to the service of Christ, and in November, 1825, left home for a brief period of study at the District Grammar School at Perth. These old District Grammar Schools were the colleges of that day, in which were trained the best men of the past generation. John Stewart, the master at Perth, was a thorough teacher, and knew how to build well upon the old foundations laid in the military school. But the time was far too short. Three months had barely passed when the order from the Presiding Elder Case came, and on the 15th of February, 1826, at six o'clock in the evening, the young student threw his saddle-bags over his shoulder and started to walk fifty miles through the woods to his new circuit. The first night was spent at the house of a Christian friend, but the next morning he found himself in an unknown land, like Abraham, obeying the call of God in faith, not knowing whither he went. His spirit of resolute consecration and of military obedience to orders at that time, are best exhibited in his own words: "I felt it to be a duty to call sinners to repentance, and in the performance of that duty I was perfectly passive, ready to go anywhere and to do anything at