

OBITUARIES.

REV. A. C. CHAMBERS.

Alexander Carson Chambers was born near Enniskillen, Ireland, in the year 1844. The precise date of his birth has not been ascertained. When but a lad his father immigrated to Canada, and settled in Toronto, where our brother received his earlier education. He was converted to God in early manhood. During the Conference year 1868-9, he travelled under the Chairman, laboring on the Whitby Circuit. He was received on trial at the Conference of 1869, and in 1873, having completed his probation, he was received into full connexion and ordained. In 1877 he was transferred from the London into the Montreal Conference, and since then has labored on the Portsmouth, Morven and Gosport, Wolford, Carleton Place, Inkerman, and Ashton Circuits, with a fair degree of success. He was a genial, warm-hearted brother, a true friend and good preacher. His last illness, caused by a malignant tumor, was very severe and protracted; yet, through it all, he was wonderfully sustained by the power of that Gospel he had preached to others. His end was peace. He died at Napanee, Ont., at the residence of his brother, the Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., Chairman of the Napanee District, on the 16th of September, 1889, aged forty-five years and six months, leaving one child, King, the fruit of his first marriage, to mourn his loss.

REV. ANDREW SHIELDS.

Brother Andrew Shields was born in the township of Huntley, county of Carleton, Ont., on 28th June, 1865, and died at his home, Westmeath township, on July 11th, 1890. In early life he was the subject of religious training, both his parents being members of the Methodist Church. When about fourteen years old he was converted to God in meetings held in Lee's school-house by Rev. Mr. Peck, then stationed on the Alice Mission. Some years afterwards, when attending school at the village of Front Westmeath, he received license as a local preacher, and commenced taking public work under the direction of Rev. Mr. Tennant, then Superintendent of Westmeath Circuit. He was appointed to the Lake Talon Mission in 1884, and labored on that Mission earnestly and successfully for two years, enduring hardships for Christ as "a good soldier of the Cross."

Being appointed by Conference to attend college, he prosecuted his studies there for one year and a half, when his health failed, and he returned to his home in the hope that with rest and care he would soon recover. Slowly but surely, however, consumption, no doubt induced by exposure on the mission field, did its fatal work, and after bearing with Christian patience and fortitude his affliction, he passed peacefully and triumphantly home to his reward. His was a beautiful character, exhibiting in a marked degree the simplicity, sincerity and earnestness of the true Christian, making his influence for good to be felt by all with whom he came in contact, our own Dr. Elliott testifying that "his countenance was a benediction." He led many to Christ, both in the vicinity of his own home and in the mission field, and manifested his deep interest in the salvation of souls by earnest labor on Bryson and other missions during college vacation, and even when his physical strength was failing. He longed to live and work for Christ, but was resigned to the will of God, and when the summons came he passed away gloriously, exclaiming, "I can't express it! I can't express it!" In his death we lose an earnest worker in the vineyard, but "He being dead, yet speaketh."