

THE LATE DR. REID.

THE Presbyterian Church of Canada has suffered a great loss in the death of that venerated father, the late Rev. Wm. Reid, D. D., of Toronto. He was one of the few survivors of those pioneer missionaries who laid the foundations of our church. To few men has it been given to exercise the office of their ministry for so long a period, and fewer still have been so closely identified with the public interests of their church as he was during nearly half a century of useful service.

Dr. Reid "came out" as a colonial missionary when Upper Canada was beginning to be settled, and filled two pastorates in the new country. In 1853 he went to Toronto to assume the duties of general agent for the schemes of the church and editor of the *Record*. The former office he has retained since that time, along with the added responsibilities of the Senior Clerkship of the General Assembly. He was thus a witness of those various movements by which the scattered provinces were brought together. He also saw what was dearer to his heart, the consolidation and progress of the various branches of the Presbyterian family to their present unity and strength, a progress materially assisted by his own unselfish labors. He has closed his career at a ripe old age, and his departure leaves a blank in church circles that will be difficult to fill. The forces of righteousness in his native city will miss his wise counsels. Two official blanks in the administration of church affairs bear eloquent testimony to the confidence that was reposed in him, and Presbyterians everywhere in our land feel that a father and pillar of the church has been taken from their midst.

