

course of three years, the theological term in each year beginning on the first Wednesday of November and ending on the third Wednesday of April. The chief business before the Presbytery was that of making provision for the supply of its numerous and widely separated mission fields.

Obituary.

REV. ROBERT S. PATTERSON.—On the 16th September the venerable and beloved father of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Rev. Robert S. Patterson, of Prince Edwards Island, entered upon his eternal rest. He was eighty-two years of age, and for fifty-seven years a minister. He was pastor of the congregation of Bedeque, P. E. Island, for the period of *fifty-six* years, and to the very last week or two of his life he discharged the duties of his office with most exemplary faithfulness, zeal and efficiency. Mr. Patterson was one of the first batch of students born in Nova Scotia, and educated, licensed and ordained here. He was thus a pioneer in the ranks of the native ministry. Educated at Pictou under the late Rev. Thomas McCulloch D. D., he and three of his fellow-students crossed the Atlantic and successfully passed the examination prescribed for graduates in the University of Glasgow. This was the first occasion on which a student from a Canadian institution ventured to present himself before a Scottish University as a candidate for academical honours. Mr. Patterson commenced work in P. E. Island in the fall of 1824. Next year he was called to Bedeque and accepted the call. His settlement took place in March 1826. At that time there were but three Presbyterian ministers in the island, and comparatively few within the limits of the Maritime Provinces. It is superfluous to say that Mr. Patterson's labours were abundant and that they extended over a wide area. No man toiled with a steadier perseverance, calmly, meekly, patiently confronting every difficulty, and overcoming all through the strength of divine grace. He was noted for gentleness, piety and large-hearted benevolence. In every relation of life he discharged his duties as became a Christian and a gentleman. He was careful to the last in his preparations for the pulpit. He was noted for punctuality in fulfilling his appointments. Often in great snow-storms he would preach to congregations of two or three people. He was rarely or never known to miss an appointment in his own congregation or in any other. His liberality abounded. He gave for religious and benevolent purposes, from one-tenth to one-fourth of his income. His income was never large; his expenses were often heavy owing to much

affliction in his family, but his generous hand was ever open in all worthy directions. As he was one of the earliest, he continued to be one of the most zealous friends of foreign missions. He was beloved, respected, we may say revered, by all classes in P. E. Island. His funeral was the largest ever seen in the Province. The Presbyterian Church has lost in Mr. Patterson a true and loyal minister of the Gospel, a man of pure and blameless life, a man whose character shone with all the loveliest Christian graces.

THE REV. WILLIAM LOCHHEAD died in Huntley on the 25th September. He was a native of Glasgow, Scotland. He took his arts course in the university of his native city, and studied divinity two years in the Divinity Hall, of the Church of Scotland, and one in that of the Relief Church in Paisley. On his arrival in Montreal, in 1829, he was employed by the late Dr. Mathieson to supply his pulpit during his absence in Scotland. He was ordained and inducted to the pastoral charge of the Third Presbyterian Church, Albany, in December, 1830, and remained in the U. S. until he returned to Canada and was inducted in 1845 to the charge of Osgoode and Gloucester, and afterwards to that of North Gower and Gloucester. He retired from the active duties of the ministry in 1873. He was buried in the Old Kirk cemetery, at Ramsay, on the 28th Sept. By his own request the Rev. Mr. Bennett, of St. Andrew's Church, Almonte, preached his funeral sermon. Mr. Lochhead was a good man and a faithful minister of the gospel, a Presbyterian of the good old Scottish type. He devoted one-tenth of his income to the Lord, and hence he did not die a poor man. He has bequeathed twelve hundred dollars for religious purposes, of which Montreal College gets eight hundred, the schemes of the Church three hundred and fifty, and fifty to the Bible Society. He leaves behind an aged widow, two daughters and three sons, two of whom are respected ministers of our own Church. He died trusting on the same Saviour whom he had so long preached to others.

WILLIAM CHRISTIE, the senior elder of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, died on the 26th of September, in the 93rd year of his age. He was a native of the parish of Aberdalgie, Perthshire, Scotland, and was educated at the Perth Academy as a civil engineer, in which pursuit he engaged for some time. In 1821 he came to Montreal, where he was engaged in business until 1872. He was ordained to the Eldership in 1845 and discharged the duties of that office with remarkable fidelity until a very short time before his death. His piety was sincere and unobtrusive, and he passed away peacefully, retaining possession of all his faculties till the end. In his will he bequeathed \$1,000 to be expended in assisting