

the Eastern Townships, although neither of them will cross our path after this year. They were both new names to the Province. Of the Dunham preacher's labors during the year we know nothing; but, from the character given of him in the Minutes, no doubt they were faithful and beneficial. As his Conference Obituary is short, we subjoin it, that our Canada readers may see the career and end of another of our early evangelists.

18. "Who have died this year?" (1852-3.) "Ans.—
 REV. OLIVER SIKES, who was born in Suffield, Con., 1778. He died in Stratford, in the same State, February 11, 1853. In his twenty-second year he received the forgiveness of his sins. In 1806," (then twenty-eight years of age,) "he was received on trial in the New York Conference. In 1810, he became superannuated, and most of the time continued in this relation till the close of life. He was diligent in his Master's business to the extent of his ability. He was a good man, and full of faith and of the Holy Ghost. He was a good preacher, and served his God and his generation with great fidelity. His last sickness was severe and protracted; he, however, suffered patiently. With an unclouded prospect before him, he took his departure for the rest which remaineth for the people of God. Brother Sikes was never married. His property, about \$2,500, he bequeathed to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the benefit of the China Mission. 'The memory of the just is blessed!'" We observe concerning him, that he was one of those bachelor preachers who constituted the majority of itinerants in the early history of both European and American Methodism. He finished his effective labors in Canada East, he gave his property at death to that work to which he had given his life, and he died within the bounds of the New York East Conference. Such was Oliver Sikes.