

QUESTION XVII.—What ministers or probationers for the Ministry have died during the year?

ANSWER.—John S. Peach, who was born at Woodford, Northamptonshire, England, in the year 1811. Having been soundly converted to God, he entered the Methodist Ministry in 1840, and was sent out the same year as a Methodist missionary to Newfoundland. His work was confined to this colony, where, in labors more abundant, he spent over half a century publishing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

On the Western Coast he was a visiting missionary, where his spiritual children still call his name blessed. In Twillingate he followed the sainted Marshall, and there witnessed a wonderful work of grace under his labors, the fruits thereof remaining to this day. The chief part of his toil, however, was in Conception Bay, where he enjoyed great success.

In 1876 he became a Supernumerary, and resided at Carbonear, taking deep interest in the growth and progress of Methodism throughout the land, and making great efforts specially for its financial prosperity. The last few years he was sightless, but the inward light shone more clearly till he saw the King in His beauty in the land afar off. He had been Chairman of the Newfoundland District for many years; President of the Conference in 1882, besides being appointed to three General Conferences, and now the Master has bade him come up higher.

When on a visit to Island Cove, with the hope of liquidating the debt on the parsonage, he felt very unwell, and endeavoured to reach his home in Carbonear; but, getting as far as Blackhead, further progress became impossible, and in the midst of a people that loved him, and in the parsonage where he had lived, he passed through the swellings of Jordan. Through grace he triumphed, trusting in the finished work of his Redeemer. On September 18th, 1892, in the 81st year of his age, and the 52nd of his Ministry, the warfare of sickness and mortality ceased.

His body was removed to Carbonear, where, in God's acre, he awaits the call of "the trump which shall usher in the gathering of God's elect."

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