

at his post after a short illness of one week. *La grippe*, accompanied by erysipelas, terminated his earthly career. He greatly excelled as editor, though he was always ready to lend a helping hand in all the enterprises of the Church. The Church entrusted him with many important interests. Those who knew him best, pronounced him a fine ideal of the Christian gentleman. His book published on "Systematic Giving" was practised in his own life.

Rev. K. Creighton finished his course in Toronto in February last. For fifty-seven years his name was on the roll of Methodist itinerants, so that he was one of the pioneers of Methodism. He was chairman of districts for several years, and once secretary of conference, and occupied some of the most important positions in the Church. He was a man of genial spirit, and though he could be firm in the performance of duty, none could charge him with being tyrannical or overbearing. As a pastor he was greatly beloved, and was always regarded as an able expounder of the Holy Scriptures. For seven years he was greatly afflicted, having received a stroke of paralysis while preaching in one of the city churches, but he was always calm and trustful. His only surviving son, Dr. J. Creighton, is presiding elder at Milwaukee, Wis., and his only daughter, Mrs. Harvie, is a well-known philanthropic worker in various benevolent societies in Toronto.

Rev. John B. Armstrong, superannuated minister, died at Orillia early in the year. He was received on trial in 1848, and travelled until 1872, when he took a superannuated relation for four years, after which he re-entered the "active work," in which he travelled a few more years, and then was compelled to retire. For some years his life was a battle with disease, but he was always patient, even in the midst of most severe sufferings. While able to labour, he was always willing to take his full share of what was termed undesirable fields. He was methodical in his habits, and was esteemed

both as an earnest preacher and diligent pastor. The latter part of his life was greatly embittered by the trials which he had to bear, but he expressed to the writer a few weeks before his death, that he had sweet communion with heaven, where, we doubt not but that he is now forever with the Lord.

Rev. W. Pirritte, D.D., is the twentieth Methodist minister who has died in the Confernces of Ontario and Quebec during the present ecclesiastical year. We do not remember that there has ever been such a large mortality in the same space of time before. For more than forty years, Dr. Pirritte occupied a prominent place in the ranks of Methodist ministers. Prior to the Union of 1874, he was connected with the Methodist Episcopal branch of Methodism, in which, after several years' service, he was appointed presiding elder, and then editor of the *Christian Advocate*, which office he held at the time of the Union. In the united church he was chairman of district, then secretary of conference, and finally president. He was a man of great geniality, though a stranger would consider him reserved, but to those who knew him there was no reserve. He was known to the writer more than thirty years, to whom he always appeared as a man of nob. character. All his brethren who visited him in his last affliction, found him suffering severely, but enjoying sweet peace, and longing for home. More than twenty of his brother ministers attended his funeral. He died February 14th.

Rev. Jas. Webb, of the Congregational Church, Garafraxa, finished his course last November. He was only forty-nine years of age. His ministry was begun at North Shields, England, where he was so much beloved that a testimonial of \$600 was given him when he came to Canada. He was only permitted to labour here a few years, but he gave full proof of his ministry, so that not a few survive him who will be the crown of his rejoicing.