

Q. 5.—Who are admitted on Trial?

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S. Muxworthy,
W. Blatchford, B. A.,

A. C. Courtice, B. A.,
W. Coombe.

Q. 6.—What preacher has died this year?

A.—WILLIAM DAVIS, who was born in the city of Dublin, Ireland, on the 5th day of June, 1851. In 1854, he came with his parents to Toronto. He was never, as a boy, very immoral in his conduct. In 1869, under the ministry of the Rev. T. Boyd, of the P. M. Church, Toronto, he was truly converted. He joined the church, went to work in the choir and Sunday School, and soon began, as a local preacher, to publish salvation. He soon felt called to devote himself wholly to the work of the ministry. As no way was, just then, open, to enter the ministry in the church of his spiritual birth, he was employed by us, immediately after the Conference of 1873, and went to assist Bro. G. Smith, in Huntingdon. In 1874, he labored with Bro. W. Hooper, on the Peterboro' & Ashburnham Station. The next year he was appointed to the pastorate of the Colchester Mission, where his name is still as ointment poured forth. In 1876, he labored with Bro. Nott, in St. Thomas and Talbotville. The next year, he was appointed to Exeter, in conjunction with Bros. J. W. Butcher, and J. P. Rice. Soon after the Conference, of 1877, he married. Having been appointed to work a portion of his previous year's charge,* separated and now known as the Centralia Circuit, here his health became so much impaired, in 1878, that for the closing half of the year, he could only, with much difficulty, take two services on the Sabbath. Last Conference, he was set down at St. Thomas as a supernumerary. He was so weak, that he seldom attempted any work.

In February last, Bro. Davis went to Wisconsin, hoping to regain his health and take work in Manitoba next year. For several weeks, he enjoyed Bro. Dry's hospitality. About the middle of April, he went to Bro. Roach's, at Palmyra. On Sabbath, the 18th, it was discovered that Bro. Davis was sinking rapidly; and on the 19th, about 3 a.m., he softly and sweetly said, "Christ is all and in all," and fell asleep in Jesus, in the 28th year of his age. He was a diligent student, a true friend, a sincere Christian, and an earnest, practical and conscientious minister. He had an intense longing to win souls, and, with joy unspeakable, saw his labors in this direction blessed, in a good degree, by the Master. In work, active; in suffering, patient and trustful,—he has gone to his glorious and eternal reward.