

The Rev. Mr. Wardrope, to whom Presbyterianism owes much, in this city and neighbourhood, after a faithful and successful ministry of twenty-five years, having received a call from the Congregation of Chalmer's Church, Guelph, resigned the charge of Knox Church and removed to Guelph, in Sept., 1869. Respected and beloved, his loss was deeply felt, and after years of separation his name is still held by us in affectionate remembrance.

For many months after the removal of Mr. Wardrope, Knox Church remained a vacant charge. At length, a unanimous call having been forwarded and accepted by the Rev. Wm. McLaren of Belleville, his induction took place on the 14th day of July, 1870. On the Sabbath following, the Rev. Mr. Wardrope preached, introducing the newly appointed Pastor to the Congregation.

Mr. Donald Robertson, elder, after fifteen years of faithful service in the office, died, in March, 1871. Concerning his loss a suitable minute was entered in the records of Session. And here it may be stated, that of any elder chosen by the Congregation, and while still in connexion with the Session of Knox Church, up to the present time, this is the only death that has occurred.

The following persons, having been elected elders by the Congregation, were ordained: Mr. Donald Masson and Mr. John Thorburn on the 1st, and Mr. Hiram Robertson on the 30th day of March, 1873.

During the ministry of the Rev. Mr. McLaren, a ministry characterized by great ability, and with zeal and earnestness in promoting the Lord's work, the work of erecting the present Church edifice was entered upon; but before its completion, and while the Congregation were anxiously struggling with the undertaking, Mr. McLaren was appointed to the Chair of Systematic Theology, in Knox College, Toronto, by the General Assembly, at its meeting in June, 1873, causing him to resign his charge, after a pastorate of three years, and leaving Knox Church, for the second time in its history, vacant.

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