

which was then almost an unbroken forest. Here Mr. Byers spent his early days amid the toils of a pioneer settler's life. Having passed through a preparatory course at the Pictou Academy, he studied theology under the late Dr. McCulloch of Halifax, taking also a session at Princeton, New Jersey. In May, 1846, he was ordained minister of Shelburne, Clyde River and Barrington, where he laboured for several years. He was afterwards in charge of the congregation of Tatamagouche, and latterly of that of Clifton. Mr. Byers was a man of fine mind and scholarly attainments, of good judgment and genial spirit. His faithful labours in the Lord's vineyard, were, during the whole of his ministry, seldom interrupted, and his last illness was only of ten days' duration. His end was peace.

THE REV. HUGH MCGREGOR.

Mr. McGregor, who died at Aldboro', Ont., a few weeks before the meeting of the Assembly, was born near Martintown, Glengarry, about the year 1838. In early life he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, but having resolved to study for the ministry, he entered Montreal College, and, after completing the usual curriculum there, was licensed to preach the Gospel. After preaching as a probationer for a short time, he was appointed to labour as an ordained Missionary in the Ottawa Valley. From that field he was translated to Kintyre, in the Presbytery of London. His illness was of short duration. Having caught cold through exposure and fatigue while on a journey undertaken for the purpose of assisting a brother minister, he was cut off in early life by inflammation of the lungs.

Mr. McGregor was a man of great meekness, gentleness and tenderness of spirit, and these qualities gave a character to his ministrations which made them very acceptable to his people. He was also prudent in his dealings with his people, who rejoiced in the prospect of a lengthened ministry. But Divine wisdom saw fit to remove him after a very short service in the Church here.

REV. JAMES ADAMS.

Mr. Adams was a native of the North of Ireland. By his parents he was early dedicated to the Christian ministry in connection with the Reformed Presbyterian Church. In the Hall of that Church at Paisley, Scotland, and under the superintendence of the late revered Dr. Symington, his theological training was received. Thereafter he sought and obtained the status of Licentiate in the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and, by appointment of her Colonial Committee, came to Canada in the year 1851 as an ordained missionary. In 1852 he was inducted by the Presbytery of Toronto into the pastoral charge of several congregations in the vicinity of Nobleton, in the Township of King. In this district he laboured with faithfulness and zeal for more than twenty-five years, and enjoyed the affection of his people and the esteem of the community. Increasing bodily infirmities constrained him, at a comparatively early age, to retire from active duties of the ministry in 1878. On the fifth day of the month of June he was called to his rest and reward.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

Nominations to the office of Moderator, sent up by a large number of the Presbyteries, were produced and read. These were by the Presbyteries of Victoria and Richmond, Wallace, Truro, Halifax, Lunenburg and Yarmouth, St. John, Montreal, Ottawa, Lanark and Renfrew, Whitby, Lindsay, Toronto, Chatham, and Manitoba in favour of the Rev. William Reid, D.D.; by the Presbyteries of Miramichi, Quebec, Brockville, Barrie, Owen Sound, Guelph, Paris, London, Stratford, and Bruce in favour of the Rev. William Cochran, D.D.; by the Presbyteries of Saugeen and Huron in favour of the Rev. Professor William McLaren; by the Presbytery of Pictou in favour of the Rev. J. J. A. Proudfoot, D.D.; by the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island in favour of the Rev. Kenneth MacLennan, M.A.; by the Presbytery of Glengarry in favour of the Rev. John Fraser; by the Presbytery of Peterboro' in favour of the Rev. Professor Gregg, D.D.; and by the Presbytery of Hamilton in favour of the Rev. John Laing, M.A.

It was moved by Dr. Bain, seconded by the Hon. Alexander Morris and carried unanimously, That the Rev. William Reid, D.D., one of the Clerks of the Assembly, and Agent for the Schemes of the Church (Western Section), be Moderator of this Assembly for the year. Dr. Reid, being present, was conducted to the chair, addressed the House, and returned thanks for the honour thus conferred.