

We publish in full the Report of the Rev. Mr. Borthwick, on the Ottawa Mission, believing the subject to be one of great interest.

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IN MEMORIAM.

The congregation of Pickering has within the space of a few weeks met with a serious loss in the death of two of the elders—Messrs. John Madill and George Milne; both were prominent and active members of said congregation. The former, who had reached the advanced age of 84 years, died after a short illness, which was borne with great Christian fortitude, and during which shone forth the sure hope and confidence of finding rest in Jesus.

The death of Mr. Milne was very sudden and extremely melancholy. It was the result of a sad accident which took him away from a career of great usefulness, universally acknowledged to be his, both as a neighbour, a citizen, and a Christian. On returning one evening from the village of Markham—an evening intensely dark—his pony diverged from the main road, and followed a track on the side road, along which was a range of telegraph poles; the vehicle struck one of these, and, from the sudden concussion, he was thrown to the ground, where he lay for nine hours, and was discovered almost lifeless. From the severe injuries he sustained he never recovered, though medical skill did all that could be done. Universal sympathy is felt for the disconsolate widow and family who have to mourn one whom they loved, and with respect to whom their hope is that he is not lost but gone before.

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The Church has to deplore the loss of another of its ablest and most valued ministers, the Rev. George Macdonnell, of Milton, who died there on Tuesday, the 25th April, in the 60th year of his age.

Mr. Macdonnell was born at Kircaldy, Scotland, but came with his family, while still a youth, to Nova Scotia, and settled in Halifax. His earliest years were spent under the ministry of the godly John Martin, the father-in-law of Edward Irving, and this contributed to give a direction to the current of his feelings, ambitions, and desires; for he, while still in tender years, had set his heart upon serving the Lord in the ministry of His Son. As soon as circumstances admitted of his carrying his wish into effect, he repaired from Halifax to Edinburgh, in order to prosecute his

studies. He gained some distinction in the mathematical and philosophical classes, and all his life retained vivid and grateful recollections particularly of Prof. John Wilson, whom he was wont to speak of with admiration as the one man under whom he studied, not excepting even Dr. Chalmers, that conferred the greatest and most lasting benefit upon his students, by stirring their better nature through the contagion of his own enthusiasm.

He was licensed to preach in due time by the Presbytery of Edinburgh, and served for a short period as missionary under the Rev. Mr. Jeffry, of Riccarton, in Ayrshire, who became his life-long friend, and who still survives to mourn his loss. In 1840 he returned to the Province which was the home of his youth, and in the same year was duly installed minister of Bathurst, New Brunswick. His labours here were abundant and arduous. The missionary zeal that animated him to the last, led him at this period to take long and fatiguing journeys to great distances, to minister to the spiritual necessities of his sparsely-settled countrymen. The shanty-men of the lumbering districts, and the sailors who visited the port of Bathurst, specially interested him. In addition to discharging the duties of a labourious missionary pastorate, his active mind sought vent in two publications—the first, "Heathen Converts to the God of Israel," and the other, "Sermons and Devotions for the use of Mariners," both of which were well received by the religious community, as they bore the impress of the writer's own devoutness. In 1851 he resigned his charge in Bathurst and returned to Scotland, with a view to obtaining better educational facilities for his young family than a remote colonial village afforded. He found, however, after a few months' inactivity in Edinburgh, this change of life intolerable. Like many other old country people, who have spent a considerable time in the colonies, he found that foreign residence had unfitted him for enjoying the climate and social conditions of his native land, and, therefore, he resolved to remove to Canada. The late Dr. Mathieson happening to be in Scotland in 1852, Mr. Macdonnell had an interview with him with reference to the Church here, and the result was that he came to this country, and was almost immediately inducted into the pastoral charge of Nelson and Waterdown. In 1855 he was called to Fergus, on the death of the former minister, the Rev. Dr. Mair. Full scope was given