

sides having morning and evening service continued to them, are encouraged to pursue their purpose of giving an early call to a minister, and Rev. R. P. Mackay is to moderate in a call. Ballantrae is also to be regularly supplied, but along with Vivian and Pine Orchard. An application was read from Rev. R. Jamieson, minister of St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, B.C., asking to be received as a member of this Presbytery, agreeably to a deliverance of last General Assembly. Another letter was also read from Mr. Jamieson asking leave, because of ill-health, to resign his pastoral charge and retire from the active duties of the ministry, as also to be made a beneficiary of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. Resolutions were also read from Mr. Jamieson's congregation, agreeing to ask the Presbytery to receive them as a congregation under its care, agreeing also with reluctance to consent to their minister's proposal of resignation, and agreeing further to grant him an annuity, \$350, together with the use of the manse, and the lot on which it stands. On motion made by Dr. McLaren, seconded by Dr. Gregg, the Presbytery resolved to place Mr. Jamieson's name on the Presbytery roll, and to recognize his congregation as one of the congregations under its care, to accept also of Mr. Jamieson's resignation, to ask the General Assembly to place his name on the list of retired ministers, and to recommend his case to the favourable consideration of the committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. Pursuant to an application read from his congregation, it was also agreed to recommend the Assembly's Home Mission committee to grant them pecuniary aid, and as liberally as possible, so as to enable them to offer a suitable salary to another minister. Application was made by the congregation of Deer Park for the appointment of one to moderate in a call. Eight hundred dollars were promised by the congregation; and they asked the Presbytery to recommend a grant of at least \$200. The moderation was granted, Dr. Caven to preside; and it was also agreed to ask a grant from the Home Mission committee to the extent named. Application was made by the congregation of Parkdale for the appointment of one to moderate in a call at whatever time they may be ready for the same. A promise was made of \$900 as stipend. The application was granted and Rev. D. J. Macdonnell was appointed to moderate. The following students underwent probationary trials before the Presbytery:—viz. Messrs. J. S. McKay, M.A.; G. E. Freeman, John Campbell, Thomas Nixon, and W. S. McTavish; said students were examined on the prescribed subjects, and read also the prescribed exercises, all of which were approved of, and the Presbytery accordingly licensed the young men to preach the Gospel. Rev. H. M. Parsons introduced the case of Mr. A. McIntyre, a member of his congregation, who wishes to make preparation for the work of the ministry. A committee was appointed to deal with him, and eventually, on recommendation of said committee, the Presbytery agreed to take Mr. McIntyre under its superintendence, and to order his attestation to the Board of Examiners in Knox College. A certificate was read from the stated clerk of the Presbytery of Pine River, American Presbyterian Church, anent the licensure of Mr. A. Caswell on the 12th of May, 1882. On his behalf it was stated by Dr. Caven that for some time past Mr. Caswell has been labouring as a minister in the territory of Dakota, but that now he wishes to return to Canada, and to labour in connection with our own Church. On motion made the Presbytery agreed to apply in Mr. Caswell's favour to the General Assembly, with a view to his name being received as a minister provided he shall forward necessary papers in due time. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in the usual place on the 4th of June, at 11 a.m.—R. MONTEATH, *Pres. Clerk*.

#### OBITUARY NOTICES.

##### THE REV. DAVID COUTTS.

After a lingering illness, Rev. David Coutts died of apoplexy, at Brampton, on Sabbath, the 6th of April, 1884, in the eighty third years of his age. Mr. Coutts was a native of Fife, Scotland. After attending the Arts course of four sessions at the University of Edinburgh, and five sessions at the Divinity Hall of the United Secession Church, he was licensed to preach the Gospel in connection with that body. After some years' service as a probationer, he attended the medical classes at Glasgow College, and obtained a

diploma as surgeon. In the year 1835 he left Great Britain for the United States, where he intended to practice medicine, but the old proverb, "That man proposes, but God disposes," was verified in his case. It was not the will of God that he should abandon the ministry of the Gospel, for which he had been educated, and substitute the healing of men's bodies for the healing of their souls. So God, having important work for him to do in connection with His Church and cause, in His providence led him by a way that he knew not, to the township of Esquesing, in Canada, where there was a Presbyterian congregation, in connection with one of the American churches, without a minister. This congregation invited him to be their pastor, which invitation he accepted, and continued to minister to their spiritual wants for about seven years. During these years he made frequent preaching visits to the township of Chinguacousy, among the results of which was the gathering together of a congregation of Presbyterians at Mayfield, and afterwards the congregation at Claude. In the year 1842, or early in 1843, he resigned the pastorate of the Esquesing congregation, and consequently his connection with the American Church, and became the minister of Chinguacousy in connection with the United Secession Church, to which he formerly belonged. For some time after he came to Chinguacousy he had the charge of four congregations, Mayfield and Claude in Chinguacousy, and Vaughan and Albion, until the Presbytery advised him to confine his ministrations to the two congregations in Chinguacousy, which, in the opinion of the Presbytery, were sufficiently able to support him. The advice of the Presbytery was acted upon both by himself and the congregations, and he continued to minister to the congregations of Mayfield and Claude until 1867, when he was constrained by ill-health to retire from the active duties of the ministry. In the end of that year he removed to Brampton, where he resided until his death. Mr. Coutts was one of the pioneers of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and for many years did good service to the cause of Christ in connection with Presbyterianism in this district of the country. His labours, and the labours of his coadjutors, in those early times, were most abundant and self-sacrificing; and now the Church is reaping the fruits of their labours, and they themselves are receiving the reward in the Church above, a happy entrance having been ministered to them into God's heavenly kingdom, where "they rest from their labours, and their works do follow them."

##### THE REV. ALEXANDER F. KEMP, LL.D.

The Rev. Dr. Kemp died at Hamilton at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. C. H. Sutherland, on the 3rd inst. The reverend gentleman had a somewhat distinguished career. He was a grandson of the late Sir Alexander Ferrie, clerk of Sessions, Edinburgh. He was born in Greenock, Scotland, in 1822, and received his academic and theological education at the University of Edinburgh and the Presbyterian College, London, England. He was also a graduate of McGill University, Montreal, and from Queen's University, Kingston, he received the degree of Doctor of Laws. Ordained to the ministry in November, 1850, he was appointed by the colonial committee of the Free Church of Scotland as chaplain to the Twenty-sixth Cameronians, at Bermuda. Was called and inducted as pastor of St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal, September, 1855, where he ministered with marked ability and energy until his translation to Windsor, Ont., in 1867. From Windsor, Dr. Kemp, whose ability and scholarship commanded the attention of all with whom he came in contact, accepted the professorship of mental philosophy, logic and moral philosophy in Olivet College, Michigan, and subsequently in Knox College, Galesburg. In 1874 he returned to Canada to accept the principalship of the Brantford Young Ladies' College, which position he held until his acceptance of the principalship of the Ottawa Ladies' College in 1878. On retiring from this position in 1883, though broken in health and admonished to rest content with the life-long service he had been privileged to render, the veteran soldier preferred to die upon the field, and placing his services at the disposal of the Church he filled pulpits appointed from week to week until completely prostrated by the progress of the disease that had for months been stealing away his strength. Deceased leaves a widow and three children—S. A. Kemp, M.D., of Calicoon, N. Y., Mrs. C. H. Sutherland, of Hamilton, and Miss Kemp, of Ottawa—who have the sympathy of the vast circle of friends both in Canada and the United States, to

whom Dr. Kemp was so well known. Besides the important services Dr. Kemp rendered the Church both as a pastor and a teacher, his literary labours were abundant. He was for two years joint editor with Rev. Donald Fraser, late of Montreal, and now of London, England, of the *Canadian Presbyterian*. He edited the digest of the Minutes of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Canada; and was associated with Rev. F. W. Farries and Mr. J. B. Haisket in editing the *Handbook of the Presbyterian Church in Canada*. On connecting himself with the Presbytery of Hamilton and making his home in this city, Dr. Kemp became a member of the congregation of St. Paul's Church, whose pastor found in him a devoted friend, whose ripe Christian experience, mellowed with age, made him at once a most interesting companion and a wise counsellor. Dr. Kemp was widely known as a gentleman of extensive acquirements and culture. He occupied a distinguished place among Canadian naturalists and contributed a number of papers on various scientific subjects. In the courts of the Church he took a very active interest and was distinguished by the remarkable clearness of expression and logical acumen of his debating power. He possessed rare versatile gifts. It is a mistake to suppose that keen dialecticians are necessarily acrimonious and morose. Dr. Kemp was one of the most genial and loveable of men. The memory of his virtues will be cherished by all who knew him. The funeral was largely attended, many ministerial brethren and others from a distance being present. Special and appropriate services were conducted by Revs. R. J. Laidlaw, S. Lyle, D. H. Fletcher, J. K. Smith, Galt; and J. Thomson, Sarnia. The Rev. R. J. Laidlaw, with whose congregation Dr. Kemp was connected, writes: "I may mention that Dr. Kemp's last effort to preach was at Niagara some five or six weeks ago. His last public act was the pronouncing of the benediction at a general missionary meeting held in McNabb Street Church on Tuesday evening, April 8th, in connection with the annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Dr. Kemp walked home with difficulty that evening, and was never able to be out again. I visited him almost daily, and sometimes twice a day and can bear testimony to the Master's faithfulness to His promise; 'Lo, I am with you always.' It was a sacred pleasure and a great privilege to be with Dr. Kemp as the end drew near. Though perfectly aware that he was drawing near to the great change, he did not fear, but spoke with calm confidence of Jesus and His love, and of the prospect of soon being with Him; and with the same earnest faith he commended the loved ones he was to leave behind to the care of the covenant-keeping God. On Friday morning last, on my return from Kingston, I spoke to him of a matter I had mentioned to him before leaving, and which I wished to have arranged with a view to his comfort should he be spared. I told him it would be all satisfactorily attended to. 'Thank you, dear brother,' said he, 'it is all right, but it will not be needed; I am going to depart to be with Christ, which is far better.' The following day, Saturday, at noon, I read a few verses of Scripture to him, one of which was Ps. xxxi. 5, 'Into thine hand I commit my spirit; Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.' The Word seemed very precious to him. By a motion of his hand he emphasized almost every thought as it was presented. After engaging in prayer and rising to take my leave of him for a few hours, as I thought it would be, the dying soldier extended his hand and bade me a most affectionate farewell, speaking tenderly of the kindness of brethren, and of what a privilege it was to be a minister of the Gospel, and invoking a blessing on the services of the morrow. A few hours afterwards a messenger came to tell me that he had passed peacefully away about five o'clock in the afternoon."

##### MRS. JOHN LOWRY.

There died at Rodney, West Elgin county, on the 17th January, 1884, Mrs. John Lowry, whose maiden name was Jane Christy, the widow of the late John Lowry, who for many years was a colporteur of the Upper Canada Bible Society, and an exemplary member of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Lowry lived a quiet and unobtrusive Christian life. She was possessed of a very retentive memory and previous to her last illness was able to repeat the entire metrical version of the Psalms, as well as a large part of the Sacred Scriptures. She died in humble yet confident trust in the Saviour's merits. "The memory of the just is blessed."