

**QUESTION VII.—What Candidates for the Ministry are now received on trial?**  
Hazen B. Baird, Douglas B. Hemmeon, A. B., Chas. Mack and Herbert C. McLaren.

**QUESTION VIII.—What Probationers for the Ministry are now permitted to attend College?**

R. O. Armstrong,  
T. A. Bowen,  
R. M. Browne,  
C. E. Crowell,

ANSWER :

Jos. A. Hart,  
A. J. Reynolds,  
W. M. Ryan,  
J. H. Toole,

H. D. Townsend,  
J. W. Turner,  
D. Walker.

**QUESTION IX.—Who are the Supernumeraries?**

J. G. Bigney,  
E. Botterell,  
W. C. Brown,  
J. Cassidy,  
J. R. Hart,  
Thomas D. Hart,

ANSWER :

J. B. Hemmeon,  
J. W. Howie,  
G. O. Huestis,  
J. A. Mosher,  
P. Prestwood,  
D. B. Scott,

R. Smith,  
J. L. Sponagle,  
James Taylor,  
R. A. Temple,  
G. W. Tuttle.

**QUESTION X.—What Supernumeraries return to the full work of the Ministry?**

ANSWER :

William Alcorn, A. S. Tuttle, and A. W. Nicolson who has leave of absence for one year.

**QUESTION XI.—What Ministers or Probationers have died?**

ANSWER :

### JOSEPH F. BENT

Was born in Granville, N. S., on the 26th April, 1806, and died near the same place, March 19th, 1893.

His conversion in early life was evidently genuine. His own account of his conversion is as follows:—"I was blessed with pious parents. From early infancy they taught me the fear of the Lord and prayer. I had a very early and vivid apprehension of the evil of sin, frequently prayed, and felt the drawings of the Holy Spirit, yet was often convicted of doing wrong. At about eleven years of age, I had a very alarming view of my state while in the house of God. I retired immediately in silent prayer, pouring out my soul to God, until I felt His love shed abroad in my heart." Three years after this experience he had a powerful manifestation of God to his soul, and at the same time a deep conviction and impression were made on his mind that he must engage in the work of calling sinners to repentance. His early efforts were owned of God, so that he was encouraged to give himself up fully to the work of the ministry, which he did in his 22nd year.

He discharged the duties of his high calling with great earnestness, fidelity and success, on the following circuits:—Annapolis and Digby, (one circuit), Peticodiac, N. B., Sussex Vale, Bathurst, St. Stephens and St. David's, Western Bay, Nfld., Westmoreland, St. Stephen, 2nd time, Aylesford, Sheffield and Gagetown, Woodstock and Andover, Sussex Vale, 2nd time, Hopewell, Lunenburg. In 1858, in consequence of failing health, he sought a Supernumerary relation which he occupied till death.

But during the whole of these years (35) he continued to preach the Gospel almost every Sabbath until a few months before his decease.

He was a devout Christian minister, firm in his convictions and decided in his religious opinions which were never at variance with the theology of Methodism.

His preaching was sound, earnest, evangelical, pointed and practical. Less eloquent than some others, his gift and power in prayer were remarkable. He did not attempt to remove the old landmarks of Methodism, and strongly disapproved of any innovation in its doctrine or discipline. After a brief illness he passed to his eternal reward.