

## QUESTION IX.—

**Who have Died ?**

## 1.—GEORGE MCNAMARA.

George McNamara was born in the year 1811, in the County of Mayo, Ireland, and died in Arthur on the 3rd of August, 1877. His parents were Roman Catholics, and from his infancy intended him for the priesthood. He was sent to Maynooth College, and there he graduated ; but after being a Romish Priest for about eight years, he was, by a remarkable circumstance, convinced of the errors of Popery, and became a convert to the Protestant faith. He entered the Ministry of the Church of England, and spent about five years therein. In 1848 he was married to Eleanor Pinkerton, of Crosmolina, and shortly after they emigrated to the United States, and there in a class-meeting he first experienced the converting grace of God. He travelled in that country for several years in connection with the Methodist Episcopal Church, but in 1857 he removed to this country, and entered the Ministry of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and for nineteen years continued an earnest and self-sacrificing Minister of Christ. Last winter he had a serious fall and thereby sustained severe injury, but was just recovering from said accident when a serious illness overtook him, and a deep impression was made on his mind from the first that he would not recover. This, however, caused him no regret, for when asked by his sorrowing wife if he was prepared, he said—"There is not the shadow of doubt." He further said—"You should all be rejoicing rather than sorrowing, for I will be there to welcome you when you come."

His illness was short, but severe, yet he was cheerful to the last. His faith was strong, his prospects bright, his peace deep and abiding. He was unassuming, pleasant, an accomplished scholar, a kind husband and father, and a devoted pastor. He leaves behind him a worthy and interesting family of five sons and three daughters, whom with his "latest breath" he commended to God. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

## 2.—PETER KER.

Peter Ker was born in the Township of Grantham, Lincoln county, Ontario. He was converted to God in the eighteenth year of his age, under the ministry of the Rev. J. Ryerson, and, with several members of his family, united with the Methodist Church. From this time his piety was progressive, increasing with his years, wean-

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