

REV. DONALD McDONALD.

Rev. Donald McDonald, Minister of Napier, Ontario, died about the middle of October, after a lingering illness of three months. He had been only about a year at Napier, but during that period he made many warm friends. Mr. McDonald was a native of Scotland. He commenced his studies for the ministry at the University of Edinburgh, and completed his theological curriculum at Queen's College, Kingston, in 1855. His first charge was that of St. Columba's Church, Lochiel, to which he was inducted in 1856. At the end of three years he resigned his charge, went to Scotland and was presented to the parish of Trumisgarry, from which he was soon afterwards translated to Sleat, in the Isle of Skye. Some years ago he returned to Canada, and for a time engaged in teaching in the city of London and elsewhere. He was inducted to the charge of St. Andrew's Church, Westminster, in 1876, and was translated to the charge in which he closed his labours on the 4th September, 1877. He was about 46 years of age, a man of great warmth of heart and urbanity, and ever ready to benefit his fellow-men.

REV. A. C. MORTON.

Mr. Morton was born in the Township of King, County of York, Ontario, on the 24th June, 1850. He pursued his studies at the Normal School and Knox College, Toronto, and the Presbyterian College, Montreal, graduating at the latter in the spring of 1877. He was soon after licensed and ordained as a Missionary for Taylor Church, Montreal. He had not long entered upon his work there, when he received a call from the congregation of North Gower, in the Presbytery of Ottawa. This call he declined, but on a second invitation being extended to him a few months afterwards, he accepted it, and was inducted the 9th April, 1878. Shortly after his settlement his health failed to such an extent that he became unable to preach; and after a lingering illness, borne with great patience and resignation, he passed away on the 22nd March last, at the early age of twenty-nine. Mr. Morton was a man of much ability, piety and zeal, and though permitted for so short a time to labour amongst his flock, they had learned greatly to value and to love him.

REV. JAMES McCONECHY.

Mr. James McConechy was educated at Glasgow University. Shortly after coming to Canada he was inducted into the pastoral charge of Leeds, in 1852, where he laboured with singular earnestness and success for twenty-six years, in an arduous field and among a people scattered over a wide district. For many years he was 50 miles from the nearest co-presbyter, and 220 from the seat of Presbytery, so that it was seldom he could meet his brethren. His stations were far separated, the roads often all but impassable, and yet for 25 years he never failed in an engagement or once caused disappointment. His incessant labours began at length to tell on his health, which was much impaired during the last two years of his ministry, and in consequence he was forced to resign his charge last September, and remove to London, where he died April 12th, aged 64, greatly beloved and deeply regretted by the congregation among whom he had laboured. Mr. McC. was of retiring habits, very modest, and walked humbly before God. He exhibited singular devotion to his Master's work. Though never much known in the Church, and taking little part in the business of her Courts, he lives in the heart of many whom he led to the Saviour. Six young men from his congregation consecrated themselves to the ministry. Some of these died during their course of study, others are now in the active service of the Church. His last end was peace amid great suffering. On being asked by a brother Minister as to the ground of his hope, he replied meekly, but firmly: "My expectation is from Him. My hope is as sure as the purpose and promises of my God."

THE REV. WILLIAM COCHRANE.

Mr. Cochrane, who died on the 29th May last, was licensed by the Presbytery of Glasgow, Scotland, and began his Ministerial work in that city, first in connection with the City Mission, and afterwards as assistant to Dr. Gillan, of St. John's Parish. He laboured here for about sixteen years. His attention having been directed to the Colonial field, he accepted an appointment from the Colonial Committee in 1862. His first appointment in this country was in the congregation of Elgin and Athelstone, where not a few still cherish a kind remembrance of his work among the people there. Next he was settled in Port Hope, from which place he came to Middleville, where he ministered about six years. Mr. Cochrane was a man of very genial disposition, and was endeared by his kindly manner not only to his immediate neighbours, but to all with whom he came in contact. His public ministrations whether in the pulpit, or on the platform, were often marked by a freshness and originality peculiarly his own. He will be greatly missed by his co-presbyters as well as by a large circle of private friends.

THE REV. JAMES BYERS.

Mr. Byers died at Clifton, in Nova Scotia, in the month of May last. He was a native of Dumfriesshire, Scotland, where he was born in 1816. His parents emigrated to this country while he was young and took up their abode in New Annan,