

9.—*What Preacher has died during the year?*

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Rounding Pattison, the oldest son of James and Charlotte Pattison, was born September 18th, 1838, at Bainton, Yorkshire, England, and died at Laskay, Ont., December 4th, 1882. The parents of our late brother were among the first fruits of Primitive Methodist labour in Yorkshire, his father being for many years an active local preacher, both in England and Canada. They came to this country when Rounding was about twelve years of age. Our late brother was converted to God in September, 1854, a few days before he was sixteen years of age. His conversion was the result of home teaching, coupled with the death of a youth of his own age, who was burned to death. He at once became mighty in prayer. His father at that time to all appearances lay at the point of death. Rounding went to the barn and struggle with the Lord for the life of his father. He then returned to the bedside of his father, and said, "Father, you will get better; the Lord has told me so."

As a boy he was given to reading, meditation and much prayer. The Church at once saw in him the elements of usefulness. His name was put on the local preachers' plan in the fall of 1854; he gave himself to the study of the Word of God and took his appointments punctually for some eight years on the Etobicoke Circuit. The congregations were always glad to see the earnest boy in their pulpits and to hear his ringing voice.

At the March Quarter Day, in 1863, he was persuaded to offer himself for the work of the ministry. He had often been requested to do so, but hitherto had refused. The Conference accepted him as a probationer. He was appointed to open a new mission in Muskoka. He endured much privation and many hardships during that year. There being no shelter nor feed for his horse, he was compelled to walk, and this notwithstanding his mission was fifty miles long. At times he had to walk for miles up to his knees in water, and in the winter through deep snow, while he had to live on the scantiest and humblest fare. He, however, did a noble work in that new and rugged field of labour.

He afterwards laboured very efficiently and successfully on the following Stations:—Albion, Caradoc, Reach, Woodstock, Collins Bay, Bracebridge, Jubilee (now Wingham), Reach, a second time, and Laskay.

Brother Pattison loved study. His special field of study was theology and homiletics. Preaching was his delight; he made every theme subservient to this end. As a preacher he was Scriptural, pointed, practical; his sermons were full of *Gospel*; nearly every sermon had an arrow in it. He was forcible and fearless in his presentation of truth. As a Christian, he was devoted to God, his "all was on the altar." The work of God was his especial delight. His life might not be faultless, but his heart was true to God and to the great work; he sought to apply in his own life that which he preached unto others.

His life, though comparatively short, was full—forty-four years: nearly twenty-nine spent for God and souls. He has fallen with his armour on. The sun has gone down while it was yet noon.

His death was unexpected; his last affliction was short, being confined to