

REV. A. D. THOMPSON so extensively and favorably known in both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, "fell asleep in Jesus," Sept. 10th, 1870. He was "born again," while residing at St. Andrew's, when about 25 years of age. He was at this time engaged in teaching a successful school, and was instrumental in the conversion of several of his pupils. The late Rev. Thomas Ansley, baptized Bro. Thompson during a remarkable work of Grace in Charlotte Co. Ordination he afterwards received at the hands of Rev. T. H. Harding, assisted by several other ministers. He then itinerated largely in Maine, and many sections of these provinces, and was eminently successful in the conversion of souls. Some five hundred persons were, at different times, baptized by him. His ministry partook largely of the missionary spirit, and he was never more in his element than when engaged in pleading for Home and Foreign Missions. He was a friend to Education, and some of the latter years of his life were mainly devoted to the collection of funds for Acadia College, and for the Seminary at Fredericton. Of the Board of Governors of Acadia College, he was a member for many years and until the time of his death.

Brother Thompson's last sermon was preached in the spring of 1868. His closing illness was protracted and severe, but he was blessedly sustained by the promises of the gospel. This lamented minister "ranked among those whom we term the Fathers. He partook largely of their spirit;" "his sermons, exhortations, and prayers are remembered by thousands."

The REV. THOMAS LOCKEY has also been removed from among us. He was a native of Gloucester, England, and was brought up in the English Church, but when brought to feel sensibly the influence of redeeming grace, prayerfully investigated the Word of God for guidance, and obtained a deep conviction that it was his duty to be baptized and join a Baptist Church, which conviction he accordingly obeyed. Having emigrated to this country, he became a member of Germain St. Church in St. John. The church shewed their appreciation of his christian usefulness by electing him one of their deacons. Subsequently he was called to the ministry of the Word, and for about fifteen years he rendered valuable service in gospel labor. He performed successfully the duties of the pastorate at New Jerusalem, Chipman, Scotch Town and Cambridge. "The great passion of his soul was to lead sinners to Christ." Nearly fourscore years passed over him in this world of conflict ere he departed to be with Christ.

In Nova Scotia, though the year's record bears no notice of the death of any of our ministers, the committee deem it their duty not to close this Report without reference to the loss sustained this year by the death of Mayhew Beckwith, Esq., of Cornwallis. He was for many years a member of the Board of Governors of Acadia College, and rarely out his place at their business meetings, where he always shewed a warm interest in the proceedings, and was especially faithful in counselling economy in the use of the funds. Bro. Beckwith was also very constant in attendance on his duties as a church member in the first Cornwallis Church to which he had belonged for many years. He likewise had held various public offices with credit, and was highly respected in the church and in social life. The Church and community where he lived as well as many in other places deeply regret his departure.

All which is respectfully submitted,

E. A. CRAWLEY, *Chairman.*

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