

## OBITUARIES.

## ROBERT BOYNTON

Was born in the township of Réach, on October 16th, 1864. In the year 1887 he was converted, under the labors of Rev. J. Perrin, Presbyterian minister of Kirkfield. His conversion was clear and manifest to all who knew him. Soon after he was impressed by the Spirit that he should devote himself to the ministry, and some time after offered himself to the Methodist Church, and was received by the Conference of 1892, as a probationer for the ministry, and appointed to the Oakwood Circuit, where he remained two years. The third year of his ministry he spent on the Little Britain Circuit. In both these places, he made hosts of friends, and was very popular and useful. Last Conference he was appointed to college, and during the vacation of three months he filled with great acceptability the pulpit of the Tabernacle in Belleville, during the absence of the pastor, in the interests of Albert College. At the close of his term in Belleville he returned to his home at Kirkfield to prepare for college, but soon after was smitten down with disease, which terminated his mortal life on December 7th, 1895. During our brother's severe affliction, he gave the most satisfactory evidence of his abiding and triumphant faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and of his unclouded hope of a glorious immortality.

## PHILIP SPARLING.

The Rev. Philip Sparling was born at Clarina, County Limerick, Ireland, February 8th, 1824. His father was a class-leader and his mother a devoted member of the Wesleyan Church. In his twentieth year he was converted to God. Four years later he was married, and in the same year, 1848, emigrated to the County of Huron in this province, where most of his life has been spent. In 1866; however, we find him ordained a deacon of one of the Methodist churches of the State of Illinois. His final transition from the local to the itinerant ranks took place in 1886. Being a man of tried Christian character and recognized ability, he was appointed to the Tobermory Mission in the Guelph Conference, and later on was sent to the Indian Mission on Christian Island. Here he spent seven years of usefulness. Two years ago he came to the Indian Mission at Alderville, where tokens of acceptability soon became manifest, but urgent pastoral labors during the storms of February brought on disease of the lungs, and after two weeks of illness, on March 5th, at the age of seventy-two, he was called to rest. The 23rd Psalm, repeated by him on his death-bed, expressed the assurance which marked his departure. His widow and two sons and two daughters survive him. Amiable, thoughtful, earnest and indefatigable, the Indians will long respect his memory. His remains were laid beside those of the honored missionaries, William Case and John Sunday.