

in distress," and we know he let not his right hand know what his left hand did." It was this solicitude for others, this unobtrusive beneficence that made him so generally beloved, for though justice and integrity are the basis of character, yet benevolence it is that begets love, as the Bible says, "peradventure for a good man some might even dare to die," and he was one of these. A genuine philanthropy, a native benignity was his, diffusing itself through his countenance and showing itself in many graceful acts as those best know who were most familiar with him. But without seeking further to remove the veil, what he was in the more endearing relation of parent and husband, his sorrowing but not disconsolate relatives best know. Happy they that enjoyed his light so long, that can point to no act or time in which he sought not their happiness and that can confidently say their comfort and prosperity were objects of his constant care as his was of theirs. Surely an imperishable monument has been raised in their breast!

However, this sketch I must not conclude without two remarks. (1.) Conceive not of his goodness as existing without grace, as the wild flower growing in the soil of the natural heart. Such has been in several but, we are persuaded, in his case, the merits of the Redeemer, were his trust and his delight was in God. His expressions of religion, though few, were always genuine, and he depended on the Spirit of God as the author of all that is good and pure. His delight in ordinances, from which he was seldom absent, his attendance on week-night prayer meetings and Christian conversions, all showed his heart and his pleasure in our inter-communion, testified his love for God's people to whatever branch of the Church visible they belong. These are the features of a citizen of Zion leading us to infer that he that bore them now dwells in the house of the Lord forever. (2.) Good men have a work to do here and when it is finished they depart. They are immortal till their work is over; then they hear the summons "come up hither." This is the reason why he survived so many previous attacks. His work was not over, his time was not come: there was need for him here, but now the Lord has sent for him, and he has gone suddenly but gently as the babe dismissed to rest; and I pray you to take the lesson of his life home, to imitate his example of liberality, peacefulness and benevolence, and to let his virtues flourish and bear fruit in you and in the Church. In short, let others rise to take his place, to bear aloft the banner that has just fallen from his drooping hand, and to guide the ... que he has so long and so successfully

steered into the haven, and instead of one, let there be several that, fixing their eye steadfastly on the light of God's word, and possessing dauntless hearts shall helm her through the breakers, her living cargo safe and herself delivered;—then will this death prove revival and our cause, instead of languishing, take root and flourish, and this trial, though meanwhile not joyous but grievous, be overruled for good, and God make it a blessing in disguise, which may He who has hitherto watched over us for good, grant, and to his name be all the glory. Amen.

"Help, Lord, because the Godly man  
Doth daily fade away,  
And from among the sons of men,  
The faithful do decay."

## Articles Selected.

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### Story of the Kirk in the Maritime Provinces.

#### CHAPTER II.—(Continued.)

##### NOVA SCOTIA.

##### PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

##### ALBION MINES AND WESTVILLE.

The congregation of St. John's Church, an offshoot as we have seen from New Glasgow, consists almost exclusively of miners and colliert. Their first minister was the Rev. Wm. M. Phillip, a native of Scotland, ordained to the ministry in 1860, and inducted to this charge in 1863, when there were some eighty families connected with the church. After the lapse of a year and a half, so popular were Mr. Phillip's ministrations, that the families numbered 160. In 1870, Mr. Phillip demitted the charge and returned to Scotland, and is now the parish minister of Skene, in the Presbytery of Aberdeen. New coal mines having been opened at WESTVILLE, in this neighbourhood, a large population was attracted to that place. For their accommodation a church was built in 1869, called St. Phillip's, and from that time the minister of Albion Mines has given half of his time to Westville. The Rev. Charles Dunn was inducted to this united charge in 1871, and he is now the minister. There are about 270 families connected with the two branches of the congregation.

##### PICTOU.

The town of this name is situated about three miles from the mouth of an arm of