

We have often known him at the sick and dying bed speaking of the love of Jesus for the perishing sinner, and seeking to accompany the soul in its supplications at a throne of grace. At the public ministration of the Word, he was never absent, save by the severest necessity. And at Session, and in Presbytery and Synod, when it was his duty to represent the congregation's interests, he was faithful to his trust. In the Union debate he was always foremost, entreating that we might be one. Perhaps the tenderest scene in our memory is as we have seen him at 70 years of age teaching his class of children in the Sabbath School, telling them the story of God's love in Christ for the little ones of the flock, and denying himself that comfort and ease, which he yet gave willingly for the cause.

His last hours were marked by a sense of deep abasement in the sight of God and true contrition—for the Lord loveth the contrite spirit. Then again casting himself once for all and fully upon the Saviour, he found again and for ever that FULL SALVATION, which Jesus alone can give, but which He gives unreservedly to all who in sincerity call upon His great name.

Upper Provinces.

THE consideration of the Union Bill was taken up in the Legislative Council of Quebec, after having passed the Assembly almost unanimously, and the personal influence of Rev. Gavin Lang and others was brought to bear upon the Private Bills Committee in such a way that that Committee actually undertook to reject the Bill; but the Council very wisely declined to adopt their report. The action of the Committee is not very much to be wondered at when we remember that three of the four gentlemen composing it were Roman Catholics. But such conduct on the part of Mr. Lang was altogether unexpected by the friends of Union, and much excitement naturally followed the announcement, and steps were immediately taken to represent to the Council the views of the Church upon the subject. Large meetings were held in Montreal, petitions drawn up and signed, and an influential deputation sent to Quebec. At Toronto, the Premier

Hon. O. Mowatt, presided at a public meeting, which condemned in strong terms the action of the Committee; and while these things were going on, the venerable Dr. Cook, of Quebec, was paying his respects to the Legislative Council, and Mr. Ferrier in particular, the only Protestant on the Committee, who had been led to give his assistance to defeat the measure. The delegation from Montreal consisted of very influential men, one of them being Professor Murray, of Macgill College, an Elder in St. Andrew's (Rev. G. Lang's) Church. Some of his remarks are extremely severe, but Mr. Lang could scarcely expect to be handled more gently after making himself so very unpopular with all honorable men. He (Prof. Murray) said he was a member of St. Andrew's Church, of which Rev. Mr. Lang was minister, and came down to represent the congregation at the earnest request of his brother elders and other members of the congregation. The congregation of St. Andrew's stood in a peculiar position, on account of the stand its minister had taken. About a year ago that congregation had voted by a majority in favor of union. Although on the occasion of that vote a number of members were absent, he had still the best reason for believing, having made careful personal enquiry, that a large majority of the whole congregation were in favor of union. He had never heard of any one in the congregation who would have offered opposition to union if it were not out of personal regard for their Minister. The congregation felt that it was naturally difficult for Mr. Lang, having but recently come to this country, to understand the nature of the ecclesiastical difficulties which existed here, and they also understood and appreciated his disinclination to sever his connection with the parent Church at home; but when they found that his action in this matter had led to such serious results, and might operate to prevent union, they decided to take some steps to show the Committee what were the real feelings of the congregation on the question of union. He assured the Committee, and even Mr. Lang, that the latter's conduct in this connection had raised such a storm of indignation amongst his own congregation as would make it exceedingly