

In the war of 1812 Mr. Maclean was appointed a lieutenant in the 1st Regiment of Leeds, and was in active service at the battle of "Chrysler's farm," where General Wilkinson and his army of 14,000 were routed, and at the battle of "Oswegatchie," where many of his men fell around him. For his services the Government awarded him a large tract of land, and in 1817 Governor Gore promoted him to a captaincy, and in 1838 Sir George Arthur made him major in the same regiment.

For many years he was a Justice of the Peace, and well did he prove himself a peace-maker. Forty years before his death, under severe illness, he was awaiting his Master's call, and had "set his house in order." Ever after he was meditative, and, Isaac-like, sought the fields, where he took delight in active industry. He was never idle, of a retiring disposition, and apparently nervously bashful; he was, however, the man for an emergency, and his vigor of mind and body seemed to rise with the need for both. The death of a daughter in the triumph of faith tended much to wean him from earth, especially a last conversation with her, which he has recorded: "As she lay dying, in the words of Stephen, she said, 'Lord Jesus receive my spirit,' and shut her eyes as if in sleep, but she awoke and spoke in a transport, 'I have been there!' yes! 'I have been there.' I said, 'in Heaven?' She said, 'Yes—and I saw the Saviour on His throne, and the saints and angels all about Him in robes as white as snow. I would not exchange my prospect for ten thousand worlds!' and with the words of Stephen, she fell asleep in Jesus." He passed through long seasons of gloom through the effect of disease on his mental powers, especially the memory. But mercifully these were given back to him, so that in the last ten days of his life he lay basking under the beams of the Sun of righteousness on the verge of heaven, till his visage was changed to a happy youthful expression, and his tongue long paralysed was loosed, to praise the Lord in such words as "Bless the Lord, O my soul," and so one of the Fathers fell asleep and rested from his labors.

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Missionary Intelligence.

* MISSIONS OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The November number of the *Missionary Record* of the United Presbyterian Church contains much interesting intelligence. In Old Calabar the missionaries are diligent in their work, but are hindered by the prejudices and practices of the natives. Against these the missionaries have been faithfully testifying, but not always with effect. In the meantime deeds of blood are of frequent occurrence. The slave population are rising to great power, and often commit atrocities for which the missionaries get the blame. Substitutionary punishment, or the punishment of an innocent slave for a guilty freeman, is of frequent occurrence at Duke Town, although at Creek Town the missionaries have succeeded in abolishing it. The ordeal by the poison bean is also resorted to, and leads to many murders. It is to be hoped that soon these cruel and unreasonable practices will give way before the influence of the Gospel.

In India the Rev. John Robson had twice visited Ajmere, which he says is a noble field for missions, but in the meantime is as unpromising as any in India. Still the way is being opened for the Gospel. At Beawr the work is going on quietly but prosperously, and the school increases. Mr. Colin S. Valentine has just gone out to India as a medical missionary.

In Algiers the villagers are represented as thirsting for the Word of life. The Rev. W. Weiss writes in very encouraging terms.

We are glad to observe that, to meet the debt on the Foreign Mission Fund, one gentleman has already given £1,000. Another sends a donation if 2,000 individuals might be found who would give each two pounds for the mission cause.