

A SOCIABLE AND SURPRISE.—The Kentville Presbyterian Congregation held recently a Social meeting, which proved every way successful and most enjoyable, at the close of which of which some of the Kentville ladies presented Mrs. Logan, their Pastors wife, with a purse containing fifty-seven dollars.

BETTER STILL.—The same congregation resolved to procure a Manse for their minister, and adopted measures for proceeding without delay to carry out this most commendable enterprise.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF REV. JAMES FRASER.

One of the Fathers of our Church, Rev. James Fraser, Boularderie, Cape Breton, died on the 8th April. His end was the deepest peace. He had fought life's battle with good courage till the last, and he was more than conqueror through the grace of the Redeemer. He was in the 76th year of his age.

Mr. Fraser was a Highland Scotsman, a graduate of Aberdeen College. He came to Cape Breton about 39 years ago, and entered at once upon his labours as a missionary and pastor. He bravely endured the hardships incidental to life in a newly settled country. In 1843 he, like his brethren, joined the Free Church. He was for years the fellow-worker of the venerated Alexander Farquharson, and did much to uphold the banner of the Cross. For several years his health has been declining; but he continued the work of his ministry till near the close of 1873. From a local paper we extract the following tribute to his faithfulness:—Unostentatious in manners, and frugal in habits, his temporal support never pressed his congregation, while the wayfaring man, the poor and destitute never crossed his threshold without finding attention and hospitable sympathy. The widow and the orphan were ever his peculiar care, many of the latter are now living monuments of his paternal tenderness, prayerfully and successfully exercised in their behalf. Some of these have gone on before him to rest, others live to bless and cherish his memory. The bedside of the sick and the dying largely shared his personal presence, counsels and prayers, while often and often in bodily weakness, has he risen from his own sick couch, to travel a distance to unfold to the dying, that future life and salvation, so vividly present to his own mind.

MR. JOHN MACLEAN,

one of the Elders of Hopewell Church, died on the 13th inst., in the 76th year of his age. He was an Elder for about 30 years,

and endeavoured faithfully and conscientiously to discharge the duties of that office. He assisted in maintaining a prayer meeting in his own district, and when unable to attend it regularly on account of distance, increasing age and infirmity, he kept a prayer meeting in his own house as long as he was able. In early life he espoused the cause of temperance, and to the very last adhered unflinchingly to its principles. By his example and influence in its favour he contributed materially to the sobriety and moral sentiment on this subject which so largely prevails in this community.

While he did what he could to maintain the ordinances of religion in his own congregation, he also gave countenance and support to all the schemes of the Church. Though strongly attached to his own Church, he rejoiced in the prosperity of Zion generally. He was a man of peace. He was on the side of Union and cordial co-operation among Christian brethren ranged under different names.

He was naturally of kind, genial, and amiable disposition. He shrank from notoriety, and preferred doing his part in religious work as much away from public observation as possible. He will be much missed in the Session where he was very highly esteemed, and in the congregation in which he was a valuable and respected office bearer.

He died as he lived, trusting alone in the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ for acceptance with God. He now rests from his labour. "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright for the end of that man is peace."

DEATH OF THE REV. MR. MACCLURE.

The name of this eminent and excellent man is familiar to those who are acquainted with the mission work of the Irish Presbyterian Church. Since 1847 or thereabout he was placed in charge of the Colonial missions of that body, and his administration of his trust is thus referred to in the "Presbyterian Advocate" by one who knew him well and is a most competent witness. Every year since then has increased the population, extent and importance of the Colonial Churches, but he took good care to keep his knowledge fully abreast with the work that was done and the rapid growth that went on. He kept up a large correspondence with all parts of the dependencies, which may almost be said to be found now in all parts of the world. His management in dispensing men and money, attending to each distinct field as its comparative importance in his estimation demanded, was admirable. It might be expected that irritating circumstances would occur at times, especially when demands would be made from one field as if it were