

by his industry and ability he acquired a very considerable amount of property, and for his integrity and liberality became widely known and universally respected by all who knew him. He had for some years retired from business ; but owing to the confidence placed in him he was constantly pressed to act as arbiter, trustee, &c., and through his willingness to serve his fellow men he allowed himself to become overburdened with the care of other men's interests.

He took a holiday at the sea-side in the summer, but did not get sufficient rest to recuperate his naturally vigorous and wiry but overworked frame. Soon after his return home he was stricken down with complete nervous prostration, resulting in congestion of the brain, and died on Friday, September 21st. On Monday the 24th, his body was followed to the grave by a very large number of his fellow-citizens of all churches and all classes, the funeral service being conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Dr. Topp.

He was an elder of Knox Church for some years, always taking an active part in the religious enterprises of that congregation and of the Presbyterian Church, and was several times sent as a delegate to the General Assembly. But his sympathy and labours were not confined to his own particular branch of the Church. He had been for several years one of Dr. Wilson's principal helpers in carrying on the Newsboys' Lodging, and he delighted in such Catholic Institutions as the Tract Society and our own Society, of both of which he had been a Director for some years. In supporting instrumentalities thus meeting his approval, as also in helping individuals in difficulty, he was very liberal, not only with his money but in time and trouble, which so few are willing heartily to give even in the Good Master's service. The sense of loss felt by the Directors, and their sympathy with Mrs. McBean, they expressed in a resolution unanimously passed on the 9th of October, which will be found in the account of the Board meeting of that date.



The Society has lately received a very handsome bequest of one thousand dollars, left by the late James Cerswell, Esq., of Tecumseth.

Mr. Cerswell was one of a family consisting of father and mother, three sons and a daughter, who emigrated from the County of Donegal, Ireland, more than fifty years ago, and settled on farms in the Township of Tecumseth. Coming to this new land, like many other worthy people, in circumstances far indeed from affluent, the family by a course of steady industry and unbroken brotherly co-operation, through all these years, have prospered in worldly things. The names of every member of the household appear upon the communion roll of the Presbyterian Church, in Bond Head, as early as the year 1824, and for this whole period of fifty-three years their record has been one of uniform Christian consistency. The subject of this notice, like-minded with his relatives, was liberal and open-handed in support of Gospel ordinances in the congregation to which he belonged ; and when it became necessary, five years ago, to erect a new church, a very large share of the cost was borne by our late lamented friend and brother. His annual contribution to the Bible Society, as well as to the several objects more immediately connected with the Church at large, were always punctually forthcoming. He died as he lived, quietly and confidently trusting in the Saviour whom he loved.

Is it not the case, that very often, if not generally, those who, like Mr. Cerswell, are liberal in supporting the Bible Society and such institutions, are those who give most to their own churches ? If so, is it not generally a hollow excuse when men plead the demands of their own particular church as a reason for not supporting such agencies of the Church Catholic ?