

increased under his ministry, and a few years ago built a neat and commodious house of worship (stone), near to the site of the old one, which was a frame building, in which he had for so many years faithfully preached the gospel of the grace of God. It was a joyous day in his ministerial life when the new church was opened; and he preached with even more than his usual vigor and unction, while persons had come from a great distance to sympathize with him in his gladness and hear from his lips the word of life. The next evening, at a soiree which was held in honor of the church opening, he received a substantial token of the interest which his people cherished in him and of the attachment with which they continued to regard him. At this time he had been a minister for fifty years.

Aged as he was, Mr. Christie continued in the active discharge of his official duties without an assistant, till within a few days of his latter end. He was seized with the sickness which carried him to his grave, on a Saturday, after he had written out his discourse for the following day. He lay for twelve days, taking little apparent interest in what was going on in the room around him, yet evidently retaining his consciousness. His family was about him doing all that affection could dictate for his relief and comfort, under the disease which was working rapidly to a fatal termination. On Thursday, 8th September, he breathed his last, about four o'clock in the afternoon. On the Saturday following he was borne to his last resting-place, amid a large concourse of mourning friends. The spot chosen for his grave was, appropriately, the one on which the pulpit in the old church had stood.

Space will not allow us to dwell longer on the events in the life, or the features in the character, of our highly esteemed and respected father. He was an able and earnest preacher of the cross. He well knew the ruin man had brought upon himself by the Fall, and the redemption that had been purposed in Christ before the world began; and while he was bold in proclaiming the former, that the sinner might be incited to ask, "What must I do to be saved?"—he was faithful and earnest in declaring the latter, that he might be encouraged to flee for refuge to the hope set before him. He expounded the law in the force and extent of its moral obligation, and set forth the curse to which every one had rendered himself liable; but he delighted to dwell upon and commend that grace which reigns through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. He was skilful to apply the promises to those who were heirs through faith, to comfort the mourner, to encourage the timid, and to urge to perseverance unto death in view of the crown of life and example of Christ.

He was honored of God to labor long in the Gospel vineyard. Between fifteen and sixteen years he was the stated pastor of the congregation of Holm, in Orkney, and for thirty-eight years he labored in the ministry in Canada. In these labours he was abundant. He bore the burden and heat of the day. In journeyings he was frequent, and for a long time these he made on foot. Many congregations, as Flamboro, Kirkwall, St. George, Hamilton, Dundas, Ancaster, Chippawa, Guelph, and Irvine Settlement (now Elora) were formed by his instrumentality. All these are now strong in numbers and extensive in influence. If he was spared to see the land of his adoption increase in population and wealth, to see her developing her resources, and putting forth her energies in the walks of prosperity, and to witness the promise she gives of being soon one of the great nations of the world, he was also a beholder of her ecclesiastical and religious advancement. What great things were accomplished in and for the Church of