

der the words of the Psalmist, "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

The late Ephraim Langille, of River John.

We feel that the pages of our *Record* are not misapplied when they are made to convey to their readers short sketches of the lives of eminent members or office-bearers in the Church—men who may have distinguished themselves in "doing what they could" in the vineyard of the Lord. To this worthy class belongs Mr. Ephraim Langille, Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church of River John, who, on the 10th of March, was called from the labours of the Church militant to enjoy the glories of the Church triumphant.

The deceased was one of those few men whom you have only to know in order to love. He was possessed of those peculiar traits of character which lead to success in life, and which draw from those around that approbation which assigns him the place of a leader and an exponent of public opinion; and to this force of character was added an amiability and sweetness of disposition which led almost all who knew him to say, "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile." He experienced the saving power of the truth at an early age. Religion was not to him, what it is in the case of too many, a dead theory, but a living work, and he came to a knowledge of that work amid much fear and trembling—being led alternately by the Great Teacher to feel the terrors of Sinai and the saving influences of Calvary. He was for several years the subject of a special searching "law work," in which he was severely tried, and frequently brought to the borders of despair, but the Lord raised him up again, and finally took him out of this furnace of affliction as gold seven times tried. During those trying seasons his only relief was found in prayer, and it was a common thing for him to rise at midnight for prayer and reading the Bible. We have often felt that he had a special nearness to God in prayer to which few Christians attain, and he had the rare faculty of seizing upon the most beautiful poetic passages in Scripture, and interweaving these in his devotions with a simple grandeur which touched the heart, and led the intelligent to admire that natural taste which fed on the grand and the beautiful in God's sacred Word.

He became a Sabbath School teacher at an age when the majority of young men find their enjoyment in pursuits of a different kind, and he continued in that service for forty years. He was chosen to the Eldership when comparatively young, during the pastorate of the late Rev. John

Mitchell, the first minister of the congregation; he served during the entire pastorate of his successor, the Rev. James Waddell, and finished his course with the present pastor, having filled the office of Ruling Elder for thirty six years; and now that he has gone from our midst, his surviving brethren cannot but bear testimony to his Christian character and faithfulness, and his great desire to spend and be spent in the service of his Master.

His last illness was short, being only five days. He died in the midst of usefulness, in his 68th year, and even at this advanced age he seemed as vigorous, both in body and mind, as ever: "His eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated."—"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord: they rest from their labours, and their works do follow them."

The late Charles Craswell, of Cascumpec, P. E. I.

The following notice we find in a late number of the *Charlottetown Patriot*:—

"At his residence, Woodstock, Cascumpec, on the 27th ult., Charles Craswell, Esq., aged 78 years. He was the senior magistrate of Prince County; he was also for nearly a half a century a Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church, the great part of which time he was Clerk of the Session of the Church in Alberton.—'Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.'"

It is the record of the decease of a good and a useful man, and an old and faithful office-bearer of our Church. Mr. Craswell was an Englishman, and by early training an Episcopalian. He early settled in Cascumpec, when the country was wild and uncultivated, and when there was no Church organized in connection with any body. The Presbyterians were the majority. A goodly number of the settlers were from Malpeque; and in connection with the periodical visits of Dr. Keir, he studied the Presbyterian system. He became, from conviction, about half a century ago, a member of the Church.

His intelligence, consistency, and force of character, soon marked him out as a fit person for the Eldership. He was chosen, and for more than forty years, associated with other good men, he faithfully discharged the duties of that office. We have heard him twenty-seven years ago speak of the refreshing seasons enjoyed under the preaching of the fathers, and especially on communion seasons, and we saw him then performing joyfully the duties of his office. A few months ago we saw him at his post, having travelled ten miles in his 78th year, and at an inclement season, to enjoy the