

The Late Mrs. Macdonnell.

It is our painful duty to record to day the death of Mrs. Macdonnell, the wife of the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of St. Andrew's church, which occurred on last Friday, the 23rd March. Her mortal remains were buried on Monday in Mount Pleasant cemetery, and such was the esteem in which she was deservedly held by all classes of the community, that never, perhaps, in the history of Toronto were the funeral services of any lady in the city attended by so large a concourse of sympathizing mourners as assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to her memory.

Mrs. Macdonnell was the eldest daughter of the Rev. Geo. Smellie, D.D., who was, for well nigh half a century, the highly respected pastor of the Free Church congregation of Fergus. In this town the father of Mr. Macdonnell was, for several years, pastor of the congregation in connection with the Church of Scotland; thus, in early years, the future minister of St. Andrew's and his wife had opportunities of knowing and estimating each other's character and worth. The differences between the churches they belonged to did not prevent their cherishing for each other a strong feeling of affection and regard. Their marriage, in 1868, may now be regarded as having foreshadowed the union which, a few years afterwards, was effected between the previously separate churches they represented.

The position of a minister's wife is one of great importance and responsibility, and especially in the care of a minister having charge of such a city congregation as that of St. Andrew's. Her influence may greatly help or hinder her husband's success. As regards Mrs. Macdonnell, she was undoubtedly well qualified for the position to which, in the providence of God, she was called. Brought up like her husband, as a member of a minister's family, in which it was the constant aim of the parents to train their children as best they could both for the life that now is and for that which is to come; endowed with many noble qualities of heart and mind, and, above all, realizing in her personal experience the preciousness of an interest in Christ, she was well fitted to be a helper to her husband, and this she proved herself to be. She was his loving, sympathizing, earnest and effective assistant in all his pastoral work. Like the virtuous woman described in the Book of Proverbs, the heart of her husband could safely trust in her, she did him good and not evil all the days of her life. She opened her mouth with wisdom and on her tongue was the law of kindness.

The loss sustained by the people as well as the pastor of St. Andrew's church cannot be over-estimated. Her visits brought cheer and sunshine to their homes. She rejoiced in their joys and sympathized with them in their sorrows. Taking account of all she was and did and seemed fitted still to do, it is a laystorian dispensation that has removed her in the midst of a career of Christian usefulness. But the All-wise Disposer of events knows and does what is best. To His will it becomes us all to bow in calm resignation, as we have reason to believe the husband, parents, children, brothers, and sisters have been enabled by Divine grace to do. To all the bereaved ones we desire to tender our deep heartfelt sympathy—and, in doing this, we doubt not but that we express the feelings of the whole Church throughout which the life, character and work of Mrs. Macdonnell were very widely known and appreciated.

Correspondence.

Hymnal Revision.

Editor of THE PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW.

SIR, For some time past the REVIEW has contained articles and letters on the Hymnal question, most of which have contained information of more or less value, and several of your correspondents have made suggestions which, I have no doubt, will be of use to the Assembly Committee. All the correspondence so far has been written in a kindly and Christian spirit, as it should be. Your correspondent, Rev. D. D. McLeod, however, is an exception to this rule. In his letter in your issue of the 15th inst. he condemns in a

most unkind attack on the Committee and then disclaims any intention of doing so. Very unkind treatment this to a committee of ministers and laymen, who have worked long and faithfully to improve the psalmody of the Church.

Now, as to the accusation that ours is the worst of all the hymnals in use, or nearly so. Our Hymnal needs to be enlarged and revised, this has been agreed to on all hands, but that it merits such a sweeping condemnation is very far from being a fact as may be seen from the following figures.

The Free Church in Scotland issued a new edition of their Hymnal in 1891-2. (I write from memory.) Now, of the 348 hymns in our Hymnal, 187 of them are in the Free Church Book.

The Church of Scotland issued a new edition of their Hymnal a few years ago, and 208 of ours are in it.

The Presbyterian Church in England also issued lately a new edition of the book known as "Church Praise," and which has been in use in one of our largest and most influential churches since its first edition. This Hymnal contains no less than 222 of the 348 in ours. Now, in view of the above facts I am content to leave it to the good sense of your readers whether or not our Hymnal is such a poor one after all.

As to the additions to the Hymnal as sent down to the Presbyteries, the voice of the whole Church will soon be heard in regard to them, so it is needless to express any opinion here.

EX-PRÆSENTOR.

MONTREAL, March, 1894.

Work for Young People.

Editor of THE PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW.

SIR,—You are on the right track with respect to the Aged and Infirm Minister's Fund. As to the claims of the Fund I have no doubt, but should like more information before seeking to commit the society with which I am connected, to the scheme. Give us more information, or what might be better, could literature be obtained from the committee explaining the working of the fund, etc. I am with you in thinking some such definite work would greatly help to quicken the life of the young people's societies.

R. S. FOWLER.

TORONTO, March 24th, 1894.

An Explanation.

Editor of THE PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW.

SIR,—Permit me to use your columns for the purpose of making an explanation which is called forth by the receipt this morning of the following on a postal card:—

DEAR SIR,—Thanks for the "Teachers' Preparation Leaflet," which you have sent me regularly for some time. But to me it is useless. I am not now, or for a long time a teacher in a Sabbath school. When I wish to obtain or to impart information on Scriptural subjects, I am wont to consult the Scriptures in the languages in which they were written; as well as critical works on sacred literature. This I suppose every man of education also does. I am at a loss to conceive what purpose you can imagine to be served by emitting such Leaflets as this to educated men, as professors in our colleges at least are understood to be; and am

Yours faithfully,

I have sent copies of the Leaflets to the editors of our denominational papers, the professors in our colleges, and a few other persons whose good opinion I was solicitous to obtain. I know that they had many opportunities of commending it to others, and not a few of them would have seats in the General Assembly. Most of them were, too, were in the unhappy position of the writer of the above postal card—they had not the pleasure and privilege of being Sabbath school teachers, and were not likely to see the Leaflet unless sent to them. I believed, however, that all were deeply interested in the welfare of our Sabbath schools and would like to see what the comprehensive general way the whole Hymnal, and does not point out its faults. He makes

mittee were doing, with a view of helping their humbler confreres. I am grateful for the expressions of sympathy and appreciation which several have sent me. The consciousness that the Leaflet is read by them is a spur to one's effort to reach the highest standard. I trust they will continue to favour it with their attention in view of the motive in which it is sent. Of course I shall not "omit" any more to this learned student of original language and critical works. He is altogether above my humble aim.

Yours truly,

T. F. FOTHERINGHAM.

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Brantford,
March 27th, 1894.

WM. COCHRANE,
Synod Clerk

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