

price. But while they were charged to take no pecuniary recompense for their labours for their own behoof, they were allowed to receive contributions to the funds of the Synod, assuring those inclined to give that the smallest sums would be thankfully received, and faithfully applied to missionary purposes. They were also required to keep correct journals of their proceedings to be laid before the next meeting of Synod."

"When we add that Messrs. Brown, Graham, Robson, Liddell, Crowe, McGregor and Trotter were all appointed to fill the pulpits of the absentees; and when we consider the roads which all had to travel, we have one out of many evidences that could be furnished that "Christian work" is not the exclusive glory of the present generation.

Into this mission Mr Sprott entered heartily, proceeding as far as Shelburne, possibly to Yarmouth, and preaching wherever he could find hearers. Prior to his formal reception, he had been east to Manchester, and north to Ramsheg, (Wallace) besides traversing the more central places, such as Rawdon, Newport and Windsor.—In all these places (Wallace excepted, where we have never been) we have heard from gray haired men and women of a quarter of a century ago, of his visits, his preaching and his diligence.

In our opinion he was essentially and mainly a missionary. He had the pastoral charge of Windsor and Newport for a few years, succeeding Rev. Mr. Cassels. From Windsor and Newport he was called to succeed Mr. Laidlaw in Musquodoboit, which was a more extended charge, and in both spheres he laboured with great diligence, for never in any department could he eat the bread of idleness. His term of active service in the first congregation was about 4 years, and in the second about 20. In both spheres he succeeded, the communion roll in the congregation of Musquodoboit having increased during his pastorate from 100 to 250. Still we think that he excelled as a missionary, and even while in charge of a large congregation his evangelistic zeal lead him often to make extensive journeys to places not regularly visited by any preacher.

Sheet Harbour and the adjacent districts East and West thus enjoyed his services, at distant intervals, but with great regularity; and when advancing years and other circumstances combined to render his resignation of Musquodoboit proper, desirable, he continued to visit with increasing frequency Sheet Harbour and the neighbouring settlements of the Eastern Shore, until finally, when about 75 years of age, he resigned this section also into the hands of the Presbytery, to be formed into a congre-

gation, which subsequently obtained the services of Rev. James Waddell, who has in turn been succeeded by Rev. Alfred Dickie.

Mr. Crowe seldom went from home save to meetings of Church Courts, or to return ministerial services. Mr. Sprott was seldom a year at home, without some excursion generally of a missionary character. Seven times he crossed the Atlantic, and his voice was heard in all the Lower Provinces; and on certain lines of travel he used to say that his horse was acquainted with every stable on the road.

Like the father just named he enjoyed a Jubilee, but in his case it was some years after his retirement from the pastorate of Musquodoboit. Rev. R. Sedgewick, his successor, the elders, and people generally, gathered around him with singular unanimity, while his brethren came from surrounding settlements, and made the occasion one of great interest, of affectionate greetings, of tender reminiscences and fervent prayer.

Mr. Sprott had the "mens sana in corpore sano." Physically he was a giant, if not in size, yet in strength and powers of endurance, undergoing toil and exposure enough to wear out, in a single month, a weak constitution, and yet until past the "three score and ten" he knew nothing of failing strength.

Intellectually he was no weakling. As a preacher, he was sound, instructive, and evangelical. His sermons were clear, compact, and often very original and striking exhibitions of well-chosen and well-considered themes. They were at times slightly marked by a quaintness both in thought and delivery, of which he himself was scarcely conscious, or if conscious, found it difficult wholly to avoid.

His letters published on both sides of the Atlantic were universally popular, being written with taste and power, and frequently sparkling with classic allusions and poetic fire.

We cannot say that he took a prominent part in Church Courts or in promoting what may be called denominational advancement; but his heart beat responsive to the cause of Missions at home and abroad. He held up both hands for accepting and sending forth Mr. Geddie, saying that we had been praying long enough for the heathen without working, and that unless we were going to work we had better cease praying.

He was always cheerful, often jovial and sometimes sportive. He loved society, made himself at home wherever he tarried, never failing to return the courtesy of a cordial welcome and a cheerful fireside. In this as in many other respects his wife was an help meet. He was indeed thrice married,