

stancy with which for 40 years, he stood forth as a consistent advocate of Temperance. During all this time, Missions, Bible Societies, and similar Christian Agencies, found in him a warm friend and willing advocate.

VISIT TO BRITAIN.

When he began to be touched by the hand of time, he wisely sought relaxation and refreshment in a visit to his native land. Returning with renewed energy, he for a series of years, pursued his Pastoral work with undiminished zeal, and growing earnestness.

DEMISSION AND SUCCESSOR.

Some six years ago, his people perceived that he was scarcely able to discharge the whole work of so large a charge. Though at first scarcely realizing the fact, he ere long acquiesced in the wisdom of procuring an assistant and successor. Unexpected difficulties in accomplishing this object at length pointed to the propriety of his tendering his demission, unconditionally, a step which he took from a sense of duty, but with considerable reluctance, and which his Presbytery acquiesced in with regret. After some delay he had the satisfaction of seeing, after all the necessary steps had been harmoniously taken, Rev. E. A. McCurdy settled as his successor, and the day on which he welcomed him as Pastor, was one of the happiest of his long life. It is scarcely necessary to add that the happiest relations between the retired and the acting minister prevailed, without the slightest jar, up to the hour when the former entered into his rest.

THE CLOSE.

Two years ago while on a visit to P. E. Island he had a slight Paralytic attack, from which he recovered so far, as to be able to walk to New Glasgow, visit his friends, attend Divine service, and meetings of Presbytery, and of the Board of Foreign Missions. But he never fully regained his former vigour, either mentally or physically. Most thankfully and joyfully however, did he receive the visits of his friends, till within a few days of his departure, when prostration of strength prevented. His last illness was only of a few days duration. He passed away in calmness and in peace, not in raptures, but in the assured faith that He knew whom he had believed, and was persuaded that he would keep that which he had committed to him until that day. He rested his hopes in the blood of Jesus Christ which cleanseth from all sin. This was his testimony during life and in death. We have used the now familiar phrase Dr. Roy, from the beginning of this article, but the degree of D. D. was only given some 8 years ago. It was the gift of one of the

American Presbyterian Colleges in the South, and while cheerfully accepted by himself, was regarded with much satisfaction by all classes in the community.

His deep interest in missions and philanthropy continued unabated, and rather intensified, as he advanced in life; and was practically expressed in the Bequests of two hundred dollars each, to Missions Home and Foreign, and to the institution for the Deaf and Dumb, conducted by Mr. J. S. Hutton of Halifax, with whose work he frequently expressed great sympathy.

REFLECTIONS.

During the past year (we write in 1873,) the Great Muster has called away Rev. Dr. Geddie, and Rev. John Campbell, who were licensed together, who proved themselves, the later at home, and the former abroad, faithful servants, and who were withdrawn from their respective spheres, very soon after they had passed the prime of manhood. During the present season, the Muster's call has reached two of much greater age, and who have been continued much longer in the ministry of the word. Rev. J. L. Murdoch had attained his 74th year, and had reached the 50th year of his ministry. Dr. Roy had entered his 82nd year, and had reached the 53rd of his ministry. Both had demitted their charges, through bodily infirmity, and were enjoying an evening's rest, after bearing the burthen and heat of the day. Both had seen faithful men installed as their successors, and expressed their satisfaction that their people would be fed with the bread of life; and both we trust were like Israel, when their journeyings in the wilderness were over, looking from the edge of Jordan across to the land of promise. And such being the case, they will have passed that river in perfect safety, and have entered into scenes of perfection, beauty, and glory, which we cannot conceive, far less describe.

Few of us, whether ministers or laymen will live so long, but while we do live, we may work as earnestly, serve the Lord as faithfully, and so improve our now limited time, that our memories will be cherished by all who can appreciate Christian worth, and well doing. Oh thou Blessed Spirit of all grace and goodness! Divine source of all wisdom, zeal and power! come and dwell in the fullness of thy grace and love in our hearts, that we may consecrate ourselves unreservedly to thy benign and blessed service, during the remainder of our lives, and prove ourselves followers indeed, of them "who through faith and patience inherit the promises!"

AMONG recent converts at Ajmere is a Mohammedan teacher. His name is Imdad Husain, and he is a man of rare eloquence.