

a truly good man, and a faithful minister of the Gospel of Christ Jesus. May the seed which he sowed in this Province, for a period of about a quarter of a century, bring forth fruit which shall redound to the glory and praise of God!

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MR. PETER LEGGAT, SEN.

DIED.—At Metis, C. E., on the 27th of December last, Mr. Peter Leggat, sen., an elder of the Canada Presbyterian Church there, aged 73 years. Deceased was a native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland. He came to this country in 1811. He first resided for a few years in Quebec, then removed to Malbaie, C. E., where he taught a school. Among his scholars was a lad who afterwards became one of the most distinguished of the French Canadian priests, and whose withdrawal lately from the church of Rome at the head of a large number of his fellow countrymen, is one of the most remarkable events in the religious history of the present day. I need scarcely say that I refer to Father Chiniquy. This was the first school which he attended. About the year 1830, our departed friend removed to Metis, where he spent the rest of his life. A year and a half before his death, he was wholly deprived of sight. He, however, bore this heavy affliction with the utmost patience. Often did he say that it was not in the least degree a heavier one than he deserved to be visited with, yea more, that though an evil in itself, it had by the blessing of God proved a benefit to him. His last illness was but of three weeks duration. Until a fortnight before his death he was able to go about. During the latter period, owing to bodily weakness, he could not speak much, but he had the full possession of his mental powers to the last. Though he often mourned over his imperfections, yet he enjoyed peace of mind. He trusted wholly in Him who has taken from death his sting, and who says to His people, "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee," and therefore, he was enabled to look forward to the closing scene without terror. At length, about four o'clock on the evening of the day already mentioned, he bade farewell to earth in the presence of his relatives. No doubt, it would have given him great pleasure to have seen them once more, though it had been but for a moment, before he closed his eyes in death, but this was denied him.

While we lament the loss which we have sustained by his removal, we rejoice that we have every reason to believe that his eyes now behold the King in His beauty. Let us mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace. May the Lord teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom, and thus our end shall be like his!

Metis, C. E.

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MR. W. BALLANTYNE, SMITH'S FALLS.

The congregation of the Canada Presbyterian Church in Smith's Falls has lately had to lament, in the decease of Mr. William Ballantyne, the loss of one of its principal members and office-bearers.

Mr. Ballantyne had attained to a good old age, having been spared to see his descendants of the third generation; and in his case the "hoary head" was indeed "a crown of glory, being found in the way of righteousness."

He was a native of Scotland, and was born on the 24th of August, 1783, in the county of Roxburgh, and the parish of Castleton—a sequestered pastoral district, better known under the name of Liddesdale.

Even at so early a period of its history, the Secession Church was widely spread in the south of Scotland, and it had already made its way into the secluded vale of the Liddel. In this church Mr. Ballantyne was brought up, and in due time he was received into its fellowship. He sat at first under the