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**DEATH OF REV. P. G. MacGREGOR, D.D.**

We record with great sorrow the death of Rev. Dr. MacGregor, the honoured Agent of the church, at Halifax. He died at 7 a.m., Friday, Feb. 5. Dr. MacGregor's health began to fail about a year ago; and under medical advice he spent a few weeks of last spring in the Southern States. He returned but little benefited, and it was resolved to try a visit to Scotland. He enjoyed his visit, but he returned with the conviction that recovery was not to be expected. He became gradually weaker, and since November was confined to the house. For three weeks before his death he was stronger than for two months before, and hopes of recovery were again entertained. On Friday morning he passed away "as a tired child falls asleep." Dr. MacGregor was 69 years of age, but up to his last illness he was remarkable for the fresh vigour of all his powers. It is needless to speak of the efficiency and faithfulness with which he discharged his onerous duties as Agent of the Church. He was Treasurer of the Funds and Secretary of nearly all the Schemes in the Maritime Provinces. His correspondence was very extensive, but he was never behind time. His Reports were always ready when required, and were models of vigour and terseness. His manage-

ment of the schemes under his charge was marked with unflinching prudence and success.

Dr. MacGregor was the son of the Rev. James MacGregor, D. D., the "Apostle" of Presbyterianism in Eastern Nova Scotia. He was in the ministry for about 44 years. He became pastor of a weak and struggling nucleus of Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, in 1843, and under his ministry that church became one of the strongest and most liberal in the Maritime Provinces. He was an effective and interesting preacher, but it was as a pastor he excelled. His influence for good in Halifax was felt from the first and continued to be felt till the close of life. The call to Dr. MacGregor from Poplar Grove Church was signed by only sixteen persons, and the salary promised was \$480. This we mention to show the courage and faith with which the pastor undertook his work.

In 1866 the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces decided to appoint an Agent, and Dr. MacGregor was selected for the office. He was separated from his congregation in 1868, and his whole time given to his work as Agent. He had been a pastor for twenty-five years. For many years Dr. MacGregor was clerk of the Presbyterian Synod. He was a most useful member of the church courts, and his views were always received with the respect due to fulness of knowledge and soundness of