

attend to two stations, and was purposing to remove to his other station, which is distant from this. I have not yet finally arranged to do this, but it seems to me probable that I shall, if all is favourable, at least make a trial of it. In contemplating such an arrangement, I have not neglected fully to consider the views expressed by the *Messenger* in regard to the desirableness of Dr. Young and I uniting our efforts at one point, and I have no doubt that to many I may seem as if wasting my time in moving from post to post, and doing nothing which is separately connected with your Mission, and which is, *humanely speaking*, permanent. Although I had heard nothing from Amoy which could lead me to suppose that Dr. Young was needing my help, yet when I saw the views expressed in the *Messenger*, I thought possibly it might be my duty to go to the north, and on Saturday last, being at Whampoa, with a view to preaching to the seamen, I took the opportunity of looking at a ship going to Amoy.—Now, however, looking at the whole case, in relation especially to my own capabilities, and the manner in which I have been uniformly led during these past twelve years, I do feel that my present attainments in this dialect and measure of acquaintance with numbers of the people here, I ought not to leave this place until the door is manifestly closed by God in his providence, or that same providence plainly points me to some other point of operation. I had the pleasure of hearing to-day, after a considerable interval, from Dr. Young at Amoy. From his letter to myself, as well as from the drafts of his two last letters to London, I am delighted to see the evidence that the Lord is with him in the work in which he is engaged. Were the instruction of the young a work for which I had an aptitude, I would feel tempted to join him without delay, and I trust that some one of God's servants, whose sanctified taste and abilities lie in this way may be soon drawn to occupy a field so open and promising. If you do not hear so interesting accounts from Canton, you must ascribe it, in part, to your correspondent, but still more it may be to the peculiar difficulties of this very important station—a station so difficult and important, that I believe no agent who is any degree suited for it, and has a heart to love and labour for its proud and suspicious people, should be hastily encouraged to leave it. Lately, in the view of leaving these premises, we have been keeping the preaching hall open every evening, and the numbers and interest have been more than usual. Last Tuesday evening, when looking on an assembly of from fifty to sixty engaged listeners, while a native was addressing them before I did so, my heart said "How can I leave these dear and precious souls for whom there are so few to care for—I can now tell them of the way of life with some measure of clearness and acceptance, and so long as God gives me standing ground to gather and address them, I must go on to do so, leaving issues in his own hand with whom it is to bless and save." Help us to maintain the combat in this great Heathen city, until its gates are opened to the King of Glory! Brethren pray for us that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified. &c.

Ever yours, affectionately,

Wm. C. BURNS.

To the Rev James Hamilton, D. D.

P. S. June 20th.—I have another house now in view, which, by some alteration, may perhaps suit, but whether to be got or not will not be known for a few days more. "The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice."

W. C. B.

A SCEPTIC'S CREED.—A sceptical young man, one day conversing with the celebrated Dr. Parr, observed that he would believe nothing which he could not understand. "Then, young man, your creed will be the shortest of any man I know."

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### DEATH OF THE REV. WM. RINTOUL.

On Sabbath August 31st, Mr. Rintoul preached in his own pulpit at Montreal, in perfect health; and on Monday he set off on a Missionary tour of three weeks, intending to proceed as far as Metis, 200 miles below Quebec, a place rendered peculiarly interesting by the success which seems to have crowned the labours of our excellent young missionary, Mr. Kedey. Mr. Rintoul had arrived at Trois Pistoles, a place considerably below Quebec, when he was taken very ill of Dysentery, with symptoms approaching to cholera.—One of his sons was sent for to Montreal, and Dr. McLaggan, of the 20th Regt., an esteemed friend and office-bearer of the congregation, cheerfully volunteered his services to go down and attend on the sick-bed of his respected friend. But the hand of death was upon him, and neither filial affection nor the best medical treatment, could avert the fatal issue; and on Saturday, the 13th Sept., Mr. Rintoul breathed his last. The remains were consigned to the grave on the following day, and now, in a strange place and far removed from the scenes of his longest continued labours, all that was mortal of this valuable servant of God, repose till the resurrection day shall dawn. Mrs. Rintoul has been in Scotland for some months past and is expected to sail by the beginning of October. She may not learn the sad event till she reaches Halifax or New York. How sad the intelligence, come whenever it may!

Mr. Rintoul was a native of Fulliallan, or Kincardine, in Clackmannanshire, Scotland. He studied at the University of Edinburgh, and was held in much estimation, as a promising young man, by Dr. Davidson, Dr. Buchanan, and other esteemed evangelical clergymen. His first settlement was at Maryport, in Cumberland; but his heart was, from an early period, set on the Colonies, and while at Maryport he published an able pamphlet on the "claims of the colonists on the churches at home." In 1831 he was appointed by the Glasgow Colonial Society to the charge of St Andrew's Church, Toronto, and to that congregation he faithfully ministered for three years. In 1834 he became minister of Streetsville, where he continued for fourteen years. The formation of Knox's College brought Mr. Rintoul into a new sphere, and for some time he was Hebrew Professor in that Institution. About a year ago he was called to the ministry again, in St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal, where he was much esteemed, and where his memory will be long cherished by a congregation that was gradually consolidating and increasing under his pastoral inspection.

Mr. Rintoul was a man of sound judgment; of very considerable attainments as a scholar, particularly in the department of Hebrew; of deep

personal piety, and distinguished pastoral faithfulness. His mind was enlarged and liberal, and his truly catholic feelings led him to take a deep interest in the Bible and Tract Societies of Toronto, with which his close connection continued even after he had ceased to be a resident in this city. Indeed, of these two valuable institutions he was one of the original projectors, and he ever gave them his hearty support.

Mr. Rintoul was for two years the Editor of this journal, and he ever was to it a regular and much valued contributor.

Few men there are who have displayed such ardent regard to the best interests of the Canadas, and particularly of Upper Canada. From his first settlement in this Province he devoted himself to the formation of a Collegiate, or Educational Institution, for training young men for the ministry. His letters and papers on this subject as published in the *Canadian Examiner*, are numerous, and valuable. With great modesty and little pretension, he was a man of warm affection, deeply concerned in the religious upbringing of the young, and mainly desirous to see the cause of God prosper by means of a pious ministry. Of the genuine sincerity of Mr. R., there ever was but one opinion among all that knew him; and we believe there are not a few who bless the day when Mr. Rintoul set his foot on the shore of Canada. The labours of twenty years as a Colonial missionary and pastor, will not soon be forgotten; and Christianity can point to him as one who has exemplified its principles by a most exemplary walk, and has gone down to the grave without a single stain upon his character.

### COMMITTEE OF UPPER CANADA BIBLE SOCIETY.

#### TRIBUTE TO REV. MR. RINTOUL.

At the last meeting of this body, the following testimony to the character of Mr. Rintoul was proposed and unanimously agreed to:—

"That this Committee, being cognisant of the affecting event of the death of the respected Vice President of this Society, the Rev. Mr. Rintoul, take the earliest opportunity of placing on record their deep sense of obligation to their lamented friend. His wisdom and meekness in counsel, and active and liberal co-operation with the other directors, in following out the objects of this Association, are the subjects of their pleasing and grateful remembrance. And the Committee, sincerely sympathising with his widowed partner in life, and bereaved family, appoint the Secretary, together with Dr. Willis, as soon as possible to transmit to her and to them the expression of their sense of their great loss, as well as of the loss sustained, in their revered relatives death, by the cause of religion and philanthropy in general—a cause which the Committee feel assured has been largely served, as well by the eminently holy consistency of his life and conversation, as by his high literary acquirements, and assiduous and self-denying public labors.

The Rev. Mr. Walker, minister of Newton-Stewart, deputy from the Free Church of Scotland, came out by the *Europa*, and passed through Toronto on the 24th Sept., on his way to the sphere of his labours in St. John's Church, Quebec.