

in all the recent settlements a manse has been added, and that the majority pay quarterly in advance. In bringing about these results, credit is due to many, but we believe every minister will concede, that to none is more credit due than to Roderick McGregor. His influence first appeared in the congregation of which he was a member, which in the liberality of its members, and the regularity of its contributions to all the schemes of the Church, became a model to the whole Church. Then in the Presbytery, his assistance was invaluable. He was often a member, and when such, seldom absent from Presbyterian visitations, and even when not having a seat in that court, he was ever ready to act as a member of committee, where any circumstances in a congregation called for interposition. On such occasions his skill in unravelling financial confusion, his judgment in directing to wise measures, and his nervous addresses in which he stimulated the lagging and re-proved the penurious, combined with the weight of his character and the universal respect entertained for him, rendered him a power among us. And then, as his business brought him in daily contact with the members of the congregations round New Glasgow, he embraced the opportunity of his intercourse with them, to reprove any neglect of their obligations to their minister, or any want of system in their business, and to urge them to greater faithfulness. We refer to this at length, because we believe that it is only by well directed efforts on the part of our Church Courts, aided by the practical wisdom of leading laymen, that our Church will ever be brought to a right position as to ministerial support, and that without such efforts, all "schemes," though the Synod should adopt a new one every year, will fail of accomplishing the end.

All know his interest in the schemes of the Church, and in the work of the Synod. No layman, and but few ministers, took a more active part in the business of our supreme court. He was a member of the committees, for Auditing Synod Accounts, on Systematic Beneficence, on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, of the Educational Board, and the Foreign Mission Board. No minister was more regular in his attendance on all these, and his sound judgment and his willingness to work, made him a valued member. Perhaps in all of these he took most delight in the work of the last. The Board met on the day of his death, and in the partial delirium of his disorder, its business occupied his thoughts. We may mention that for weeks he had been looking forward with great pleasure to the meeting of Synod, at which he had contemplated urging some measures in which he felt special interest. But "his days are

past, his purposes are broken off." We may add that while none loved his own Church more, none more truly loved all who loved the Lord, or more heartily rejoiced to co-operate with them in Christian effort.

Then, as we turn to the various departments of Christian work, we may ask in which of them did he not take a leading part. The temperance cause interested his sympathies almost from the first formation of a temperance society in the Province.—*For years he was one of its most energetic advocates.* Never did the whole sympathies of his nature seem more thoroughly roused than when he pled on behalf of the wretched victims of intemperance, or denounced the evils of the rum traffic. Unlike many others, his zeal in this cause never slackened, and to the end of his days he gave to it of his time, his efforts, his substance and his prayers to an extent which few in this Province have equalled. In boyhood he imbibed from his father a love to the British and Foreign Bible Society, which never waxed cold. To it he gave his first contribution, and to the end of his life it shared largely in his liberality and prayers. But what Christian enterprise among us could be named, which did not at once enlist his sympathy and co-operation. And in whatever movement he engaged, he was soon found in the front. He never was half-hearted in any spiritual undertaking. Once satisfied that it was his duty to engage in it, he entered into it with his whole soul, and inspired others with a portion of his own spirit. Nor was there ever anything evanescent in his zeal. The energy with which he entered upon any Christian or benevolent movement, was only equalled by the persistency, with which he prosecuted it to the end. From this whole heartedness in what he undertook, combined with the weight of his character and the soundness of his judgment, he generally became the life and soul of any movement with which he identified himself; and though the farthest possible from assumption or trying to take the lead, he naturally had a leading part assigned him by those with whom he laboured. But in all this, one of the most remarkable circumstances was the tranquillity with which he moved along. He was never fussy, never excited, and while inspiring all his associates with a portion of his own zeal, he was himself a picture of calmness and severity. In fact, while from the symmetry of his character it is difficult to say what grace predominated, we believe that if there was one which more than another distinguished him it was humility.

But all his tender-heartedness was the farthest possible from the weakness, that would connive at wrong. Hence with all