

attending the house of God, and especially of dedicating themselves to the service of Jesus Christ. And many, I believe, can point to the old leper as one whose words first impressed their souls with the dreadful nature of sin and the beauty of holiness. During the severest time of his disease he was never heard to murmur or complain; and the young men and women who used to visit him in his last days were always impressed with the heaven-like submission with which he endured his sufferings.

The disease which afflicted him, as you know, is a very loathsome one; and often he used to say in reference to it, "This is my school; Christ is training me by means of this trouble; He saw I required it, so He called upon me to bear it." He seemed to rejoice in the language of the great apostle to the Gentiles—"We glory in tribulation also, knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope; and hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is given unto us." At length the end drew near: he gradually became weaker, for his hands and part of his arms, his feet and part of his legs, were entirely gone. Through it all, he remained firm; and though at last he did not say much, yet he plainly testified by his patience, as well as by his few words, that he was resting upon the sure, the tried foundation, which can never be moved.

On the morning of the last day of the week, some months ago, as the sun was about to stream in beauty upon the lonely valley in which he resided, his spirit quietly and peacefully passed away, I believe, to the land of unclouded happiness, to mingle with those who have been accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, of whom our Lord has said, "Neither can they die any more, for they are equal unto the angels, and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection."

He left sickness and pain, as well as disease in one of its most awful forms, to pass into the joy of his God and Saviour.

"So would I fall asleep
In the night of death;
Rest, and wake, no more to weep.
Nor find myself a fleeting breath."

General Religious Intelligence.

The Mutual Eligibility Scheme, by which ministers of the Free and United Presbyterian Churches are to be eligible for calls in either Church, was sent down to Presbyteries in the Free Church. It has been before 12 Presbyteries, eleven of which have decided in favour of it, and one, that of Dunfermline, against.

The case of Mr. Knight, who preached in the pulpit of Mr. Martineau, the Unitarian, is still before the Dundee Presbytery, Mr. Knight submitting to censure but refusing to be bound by any formula prepared for his special case.

The Theological Hall of the United Presbyterian Church has an attendance this year of 136 students. Dr. Cairns, of Berwick, has delivered the opening lecture of the London Presbyterian College.

"Among the multitude of pilgrims to the tomb and *shrine* of the miracle-working Curé of Ars in France, was a poor woman forsaken of her husband