

In all the business of his life, he had none that gave him more anxiety, than that of the church. He held the office of deacon since 1849. His home has been the resting-place of ministers during all those years, and he never appeared happier than when entertaining the Lord's servants, and making enquiries regarding the work and progress of the denomination. He took an active interest in all good work. For years he was President of the Bible Society. He was one of the originators and promoters of the Mechanics' Institute. President of the Medical Association of Stratford. Also was elected by the profession to represent them in the Medical Council of Ontario, as member for the Malahide and Tecumseh Division; resigning his seat at the end of twelve years, and till within a short time of his death, President of the Perth Mutual Fire Insurance Company. In everything requiring painstaking labor, integrity and faithfulness, he was sure to be required to bear a part. In his own noble profession he was untiring. A laborious student, he kept abreast of the times; ever solicitous regarding his patients, whether rich or poor, and adding to his care for the body anxiety for the soul. Who can estimate the good a godly physician may do, who, when he has prescribed for the suffering, kneels by the sick bed, and invokes the Divine blessing on his patient, on his own skill, and the remedies prescribed? Like the Great Physician himself, healing body, mind and soul. Dr. Hyde suffered from a gradual loss of his mental powers, and for two years was laid aside from the active duties of life. Through all his affliction, he was wonderfully sustained by what was to him ever the most delightful theme, "the love of God." He often complained that he could not think consecutively on any earthly subject; but his prayers at the family altar, and in private, rarely betrayed any evidence of mental failure; and he often remarked that this difference must be owing to the presence of the Holy Spirit. His standing and security in Christ he clearly recognized up to the last; only a few days before his death, he remarked, "Oh! is it not grand to be sure, to be so perfectly certain that whatever God may see best that we should pass through, He will never, no never forsake us. Oh! to think of it, to be with Christ always!" and then turning to one of his family—"Jesus is never tired of having

his disciples with him." With rapture, on another occasion, he said, "I shall be ever with Him."

During the two last weeks of his life, the paralysis from which he had suffered during his illness became much worse, and he sank rapidly. He died in the seventieth year of his age. The Congregational, Episcopal, and Presbyterian ministers of the city conducted the funeral service in the church to which he was so warmly devoted, and on the following Sunday, his pastor, the Rev. J. P. Gerrie, and Rev. Mr. Macpherson, conducted a memorial service in the same place.

Dr. Hyde married the daughter of the late C. J. Mickle, Esq., of Guelph, who survives her beloved husband. He has one son in his own profession in New Zealand, two in Alberta, one in the Merchants' Bank in St. Thomas, and three daughters in Stratford.

"Sleep on, beloved, sleep, and take thy rest;
Lay down thy head upon thy Saviour's breast;
We love thee well, but Jesus loves thee best—
Good-night! Good-night! Good-night!"

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Woman's Board.

HOPETOWN LADIES IN COUNCIL.

"The Ladies' Aid Society of this church will meet Tuesday afternoon, at three o'clock. A full attendance is requested, as the question of sending the yearly donation to the Missionary Society is to be considered." It was the first Sabbath of January, and as the pastor of Hopetown church read this notice, several ladies might have been seen glancing languidly at each other, as if they were thinking:—"Missions again! How tiresome!"

Tuesday came, and, the weather being fine, the meeting was unusually well attended. After the customary opening exercises, the report of the Treasurer was read, and it was found that, during the year, the Society had paid for a new carpet for the pulpit platform; besides buying a cabinet organ for the Sabbath School, and sending a barrel of clothing to the family of a Home Missionary; and now had \$3.17 in the treasury. According to long-established custom, the balance on hand at the close of each year was to be given to some branch of missionary work. "How well we have done," said one lady. "We have reason to be proud of