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CHURCH AT HOME.

Death of the Rev. Dr. James Boyd.

It is our mournful duty to relate the removal, by death, of another of one of the worthiest and best men in the Church of Scotland. We, last month, recorded the death of Dr. Napier, the venerable minister of Blackfriars' Church, Glasgow. Another silvery head will be missed in that reverend court which meets once a month within the old dim chamber in the rear of the Tron Church. Dr. James Boyd died at his residence in Woodside Terrace, on the 27th of March last, at the mature age of 78 years—terminating a ministry which extended very nearly over half a century. Dr. Boyd was a native of Perthshire, where he was born in 1786. "In 1818," says a Glasgow paper, "he was ordained by the Presbytery of Edinburgh, as minister of the Caledonian Church, Hatton Garden, London. During a short incumbency of one year, he collected a large congregation. In 1819, he was translated to the parish of Auchinleck, in Ayrshire; and in 1833, to the adjoining parish of Ochiltree. In 1844, he became minister of the Tron Parish of Glasgow. A year ago, he resigned the active duties of his charge to the Rev. Mr. McGregor, who was appointed his colleague and successor. He received the degree of D. D. from the University of Glasgow, in 1845."

In his more vigorous days, Dr. Boyd was a highly popular preacher, but, in his later years, through the growing infirmity of age, his manner lost a good deal of its power. His sermons were characterized by much good sense, simplicity and earnestness, and always breathed the full spirit of the Gospel. Dr. Boyd was a man of fortune, but he was one who esteemed himself more honoured by his sacred calling, than by his ample wealth, and, neither in spirit nor in manner, did he ever betray the least consciousness of his high social advantages. He was beloved and revered by the humblest of his parishioners, whose interests, both temporal and spiritual, never ceased to engage his attention. Dr. Boyd was a fine example of the good and faithful pastor, whose life is joyfully consecrated to his work—dignified, yet humble; prudent, yet genial and warm-hearted; keeping his garments unsoiled by the world. So gentle and consistent was he, in his life and conversation, that he might have sat for the original of Goldsmith's beautiful picture of a country clergyman:—

"He tried each art, reprov'd each dull delay,
Allured to brighter worlds, and led the way."

Dr. Boyd was the father of the most dis-

tinguished literary man in the Scottish Church, the "A. K. H. B.," of *Fraser's Magazine*, minister of St. Bernard's Church, Edinburgh. This gentleman's chief contributions have been collected and published, under the name of "Recreations of a Country Parson," and consist of a series of light, discursive essays on familiar topics, overflowing with anecdote and illustration, and well fitted to amuse and instruct a numerous class of readers.

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THE CHURCH IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Departure of the Rev. George Boyd.

ON THURSDAY, 27th ult., the Rev. Mr. Boyd, late of St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, took passage in the Cunard steamer for Scotland. Our best wishes for his future welfare, as well as that of his amiable partner and interesting family, follow him. His absence will be felt no less in the community generally, than in the Church and Sabbath School; and leaves us but one clergyman in the metropolis, where, a few years ago, we had four. The pulpit, in the meantime, will be supplied by the Presbytery of Halifax. Previous to his departure, the Trustees and Elders waited upon and presented him with the following very feeling and flattering address and its accompaniment:—

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, April 18th, 1865.

TO THE REV. GEORGE BOYD, A. M.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—Though you are aware the intimation of your resignation as the Minister of St. Andrew's Church was received with the greatest regret, and at length acquiesced in with equal reluctance by all concerned in the Church: yet the Trustees and Managers, in justice to their own feelings, and, they fully believe, in accordance with the sentiments of the whole congregation, cannot allow you to depart from this country without conveying to you some tangible evidence of the deep sense and high appreciation which they entertain of both your faithful pastoral labors and your able and eloquent pulpit discourses.

They deem it almost needless any further to assure you that they fully share in cherishing toward you those feelings of friendship and esteem, and of profound respect for your character, in which you are so deservedly held by your people, and by all who know you in this city.

In accordance with these sentiments it was unanimously resolved, at a meeting of the congregation held on the 6th ult., That the Trustees be authorized to pay you, in addition to your salary up to the 1st day of May next, the further sum of \$400 (four hundred dollars) as a mark of their regard and esteem, which sum we now have much pleasure in handing to you.

With feelings of unfeigned sorrow for your departure from this church and congregation, they desire to express their earnest wishes for your future success and welfare in your sacred calling, together with health and happiness wherever Providence may cast your lot.

With your departure they have also to regret that of your amiable lady and interesting young family, upon whom may the giver of every good and perfect gift bestow his choicest blessings.