

such that it renders it difficult for children living at a distance to attend. Could they all be collected in one place, we have not at present sufficient accommodation, the house has been filled during the past session to its utmost capacity. The number of pupils on the roll was 142, of those 97 were boys and 45 were girls. This department of the mission would require enlarged accommodation to meet the growing wants of the settlement. Besides the common branches of an English education some of the pupils have been studying Algebra and Geometry. A second class in Latin has also been formed, the first is reading Cæsar, and has made during the session considerable progress. Besides the day school, there was a night school opened for adults, during the winter months which was not well attended, owing to the frequent thaws that rendered the roads almost impassable.

In the Sabbath school during the past year there has been also an increased attendance, the number on the roll, is 109, of those 65 are boys and 44 girls. The attendance has not been very steady, owing to the state of the roads and the weather, during the summer months the attendance is good. Such as have been regular have made considerable progress in Scriptural knowledge, and some of them have committed the whole of the Shorter Catechism to memory.

The building erected as a temporary place of worship was opened last July by the Rev. Dr. Burns, the congregation has been well accommodated there since. The attendance is not steady, varying with the state of the roads and weather, sometimes the house is nearly full, at others there will not be more than one hundred present. We have had two communion seasons since our last report, one in July and one in March. On these occasions eight communicants were added to our number, five on examination, and three by certificate. The number on the communion roll at present is thirty. There appears to be a growing desire among the settlers for the word and ordinances. The Bible has been put into the hands of all who can read. All the families in the settlement that can read have been provided with a Bible and Testament. Last year I made a request, that all in the settlement who could read, should provide themselves with the word of God; stating at the same time, that if any person could read and could not purchase a Bible I would bestow him one, since I have sold between sixty and eighty, but not one has been asked without paying for it. All who could read and were not supplied have cheerfully paid the price charged by the Bible Society.

We trust that the word which has thus been so widely broadcast will bring forth fruit for eternity.

The state of our finances is highly encouraging. When we made our last report the mission was burthened with a debt. A special effort has since been made to pay off the debt, which has been successful, the appeal made by the Synod at its last meeting, has been met by the members of our church with a spirit of liberality.—The subscriptions and collections during the last year, has discharged the debt and met current expenses.

We are now for the first time since the mission went into operation, able to report that we are out of debt. We trust that the same spirit of increased liberality among our people will enable us during the present year to extend our operations in the educational department, and make that branch of the mission more efficient. It is to be borne in mind that it is to the education of the young that we are to look for permanent success.

In concluding our report we would again most gratefully acknowledge the goodness of Divine Providence, in sustaining and prospering us during the past year.

But while we are gratified for what has been done, we are sensible that very much remains to be accomplished. Encouraged, however, by the measure of success that has already attended our efforts, we would look for greater triumphs in future, but above all we would earnestly look for the Divine blessing, without which a solemn mockery awaits all our efforts.

WM. KING.

### OBITUARY NOTICE—MR. MARK YOUNG.

To the Editor of the Record.

DEAR SIR,—

The obituary notices which have occasionally appeared in the *Record*, have, I believe, been read with general interest, and seem well fitted to subservise the objects which your journal is intended to promote. Under this impression, it has appeared to me that a brief notice of the death of Mr. Mark Young, one of the elders of the Free Church in this place, might not be unacceptable.

Mr. Young's decease took place here on the 3d May, after an illness of considerable duration, during which he was enabled to exhibit the power of that faith which had animated him through life, and which had attracted towards him the admiration and esteem of the friends of Christ in this locality. His deep humility—the simplicity of his dependence on Christ—the warmth of his Christian affections—and the profound interest which he felt in the spiritual welfare of others, and the progress of the cause of Christ—shone forth with new attractions while he was waiting on the bed of sickness for his removal, while his calm and peaceful death was well fitted to draw forth from the most sceptical, the exclamation, "let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

Mr. Young was a native of Jedburgh, Scotland, and for some years previous to his death, held the office of elder in Knox's congregation, Galt, to which he was elected on account of the high opinion which had been formed generally by the members of that congregation of his real worth. In the estimate of his character, and in the expectations of his usefulness which had led to this appointment, the congregation were not disappointed; and Mr. Young, by his devoted piety and zealous labors, became a centre of attraction to a large number of those who felt the importance of vital godliness. There were few marked incidents in Mr. Young's history, such as it would be interesting to the public to record; but his character and labors not only gave him a conspicuous place in the congregation of which he was an officebearer, but speedily attracted the attention of strangers, and the remark of a Minister who had occasional opportunities of holding intercourse with him, may illustrate the impression which his transparent spirituality of mind not unfrequently produced, "I think," said he, "I see heaven in his face."

But instead of enlarging upon my own estimate of his worth, I may here quote as I noted them down, the substance of the remarks of his pastor, the Rev. Dr. Bayne, (one not much given to flattering words) in referring to his death on the Sabbath which followed it. The subject of discourse was in 1st Peter ii. chap. 9th ver. 6—"a peculiar people." Before concluding, I cannot refrain from giving expression to a few thoughts suggested by the removal from amongst us, of one whose character seems to me a simple and appropriate illustration of that which I have been endeavoring to unfold to you, from the words of the text—one who, so far as we can judge from the evidences furnished by his life, was one of the *peculiar people*—one who, realizing that he was God's peculiar property, devoted himself as such, entirely to the service of God.

Our esteemed brother, whose remains a few days ago we laid in the grave, was not dis-

tinguished for much that the world holds in honor. He was not remarkable for rank, for station, for natural talents, or for an extensive acquaintance with any branch of human learning—yet there was a singular uniqueness in his character, and he stood out amongst us a marked man. Conspicuous for nothing else, he was conspicuous for his religion. He was emphatically a man of God, standing prominently out as one of the 'peculiar people.' With him, religion was really the first great business of life. Feeling that he was not his own, but bought with a price, he placed himself entirely at the disposal of his Master and Lord. His delight was in the service of God, and in winning souls to Christ. Few could meet him in almost any circumstances without being made to realize that he was not of the world—that his conversation was in heaven, and that his great aim was, to be about his Master's business. When any in the congregation came to be concerned about the salvation of their souls, he was generally one of the first whom they sought out, and with whom they took counsel on the things of Christ and eternity, while around him the friends and followers of Christ seemed instinctively to be drawn by the charm arising from the simplicity of his character, the warmth of his affections, the singleness of his aim, the spirituality of his mind, and the unwearied interest which he took in conversing of the things of the kingdom. In a word, he was known among us just for his religion, and attracted general notice, by the simplicity and earnestness of his devotion to the business of religion.

"The world might, no doubt, pronounce him an enthusiast, a dreamer, or a fool—but now that he is gone, who would not choose to be like him—who would not prefer the name which he leaves behind, to all the honors which the world can confer.

"Our departed friend will be missed amongst us. Of too many, it may be said when they die, that they are not missed. They are not missed in the sanctuary—they are not missed at the prayer meeting—they are not missed by such as are enquiring 'what shall we do to be saved'—they are not missed among those who are waiting, and sighing, and laboring for the redemption of Israel—they drop out of the Church, and the Church, instead of suffering, has gained a loss by their removal. Their fall is not like that off a tree whose verdure and fruitfulness has made it a blessing to the vineyard—but the lopping off of a withered branch—a cutting down of a cumberer of the ground. It is one of the highest honors that can be conferred on a man to be missed when he is gone, and that honor belongs to our departed friend. I for one can say that I miss him; I miss his meek and humble spirit—I miss his frank and open candour. I miss his cordial sympathy in labours of usefulness—I miss his warm affectionate prayers—and I believe that not a few of yourselves who were wont to take sweet counsel with him, now miss him also, and may yet feel more sensibly still, the blank which his removal has occasioned.

"Let us, my dear friends, in view of the example he has left behind him, endeavour to imitate him in so far as he imitated Christ. Let us, like him, endeavour to realize our calling and our privileges and our duties as God's peculiar people—that we too, like him, may be missed when we die, and that others may learn from our example, how to follow and glorify Christ."

I am, dear sir, yours truly, Z.

CONFERE WITH THINE OWN SOUL.—Demean thyself more warily in thy study than in the street. If the public actions have a hundred witnesses, thy private have a thousand. The multitude looks but upon thy public actions—thy conscience looks unto thy private actions; the multitude may chance to excuse thee, if not acquit thee—thy conscience will accuse thee, if not condemn thee.—Francis Quarles.