

1836, was elected and ordained an elder. The responsible duties of this high office he continued to discharge with singular acceptance and fidelity till very near the close of his long and well-spent life.

At this time, also, when greatly needed, he did much efficient service in instituting and conducting the Sabbath School in connection with Burns' Church. Through many successive years he unceasingly toiled as its Superintendent, and many of the present congregation in his locality have had the benefit of his training and example in this important sphere, and yet remember the lessons he so wisely, lovingly, and impressively communicated.

In Bible Society work, he labored zealously and effectively to the latest period of his life. It was once said by one of the ablest and most energetic of the travelling agents of the parent society, and no mean encomium is implied in the terse, pithy, language: "*Mr. Laidlaw is the sum-total of the Mono Centre Branch!*"

As a christian, he was humble, zealous and devout—a man of prayer, he wrestled with God, seemed to live near him all his days, and took real pleasure in the acts of devotion. A strenuous advocate of bible truths, he had many sharp encounters with opposers, especially in support of the distinctive tenets of Presbyterianism; but, so far as we ascertain, always did he leave savoury impressions of his sterling worth, piety, sincerity, and courage. The many Missionaries and Ministers who visited Mono Centre, and laboured there, ever found in him a warm and devoted friend; to his hospitable house they had a cordial welcome, and in it a comfortable abode while necessary. He loved their society, and revered their work, for he well knew its value and importance; yea, was ready to forward them in every way within his power. The following graphic testimonial, from the pen of one of the oldest of these missionaries, who knew him intimately, and is well competent to judge, we cordially endorse: "I held Mr. Laidlaw in the highest esteem since I first knew him. The uniform consistency of his christian character; his activity and persevering diligence in doing good; his uncompromising firmness in holding to what he regarded as truth, and his candor and charity towards those who might conscientiously differ from him, all combined to show that he had imbibed largely the spirit of the Gospel?"

The aged elder has gone from the scene of his earthly toil, to enter on his rest in the heavenly mansions, 'but being dead, he yet speaketh.' O that we who remain could learn the lesson, through the effectual application of it to our hearts and consciences by the Holy Spirit, how infinitely happy would be the result. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them."

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