

MADRAS.

DEATH OF THE REV. P. MATHESON.

From the Home Record.

Just four months ago, in Edinburgh and Glasgow, meetings were held to bid God-speed to two missionaries going out to India—one the Rev. J. F. Campbell, from the Canadian Presbyterian Church, who was to labor in connection with our Mission at Madras; the other the Rev. P. Matheson from our own Church. They arrived on 6th December, and two days afterwards Mr. Matheson wrote to the Rev. Stewart Wright, of Blantyre, reporting his arrival, telling how pleased he was, in going through the school with the orderly and intelligent demeanor of the boys, and mentioning his intention of visiting, along with Mr. Sinclair, the out-stations of Arconum and Vellore. "Everything," he writes "is new to me, and it will be some little time before I get to know the details of the work. I trust I may be able to make myself useful in various ways, and look forward to having much pleasure in the work." But his anticipations were not to be realized. On 20th January a telegram was received, announcing his death; and a brief letter, of same date, from Mr. Sinclair, has intimated that the cause was cholera, after an illness of about 24 hours. It is one of the sad concomitants of our accelerated telegraphic communication that since receipt of the message, letters have arrived from him, written in excellent health and in good spirits, in which he was looking forward to his work in the Institution, when his labors were resumed on the 23rd January, after the Christmas vacation.

Mr. Matheson was a native of Selkirk, of which parish his father has for many years been an elder. After being engaged for some time in teaching, both

publicly and privately, he was licensed to the ministry, and acted as assistant at Kirkhope and Foulden. Subsequently he was appointed to a military chaplaincy, and while at Southampton in this capacity was selected for the vacant appointment at Madras; but in the mysterious dispensation of God's providence he has been cut off just as he was preparing with joyous anticipations to enter on his work. He leaves behind him a widow and two children who went with him to India. We commend to the love of Him who is the Husband of the widow, and the Father of the fatherless, and to the sympathy and intercession of the Lord's people, the family thus early deprived of their head.

CASH RECEIVED FOR "RECORD."

FOR 1876.

Rev. John Goodwill, P. E. I.,	\$6 00
W. G. Pender, Halifax,	1 25
A. Fraser, Toney River,	3 00
John McEchern, P. E. I.,	2 00
Alex. Cameron, Port Hastings,	3 00

FOR 1877.

W. McLeod,	\$3 90
Mur. McKenzie, North River, Col.	1 20
R. Maxwell, Esq., Lime Rock,	3 90
Allan McQuarrie, C. B.,	1 50
H. Graham, Bonaventure, Quebec,	50
D. Graham, Halifax,	50
W. McLean & Co, Spring Hill,	1 80
Marjory McMillan, Boston,	2 50
Jos. Hart, Esq., Baddeck, (W. McM.)	1 80
Geo. Gunn, Esq., Truro, do.	1 80
Alex. Sutherland, Six Mile Brook.	6 00

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PRESBYTERY HOME MISSION.

Received from W. B. R. J., per Alex. Baillie,	40 00
Received from North Earltown, per Jas. McKay, Esq.,	31 80
Received from Saltspings Con.	48 00

DELEGATE EXPENSES.

Received from W. B. R. J.,	\$4 30
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March, 1877.	