

the late highly respected and eminent Dr. Andrew Symington, of Paisley. Having gone through the usual course, he was, in 1823, licensed to preach the Gospel.

From this period until 1837, when he was ordained as a missionary to Canada, he was employed in supplying vacant congregations in various parts of the country.

The first field in which he laboured, in this side of the Atlantic, was in the county of Megantic in Lower Canada. He opened four preaching stations, viz., one in St. Sylvester, two in Leeds, and one in Inverness. His labours were very great, and were not without success; although he found it difficult to organize permanent congregations on the peculiarly strict principles of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Besides, the settlers were mostly in destitute circumstances, and unable to do much to sustain the ordinances of the Gospel among them. As an evidence of the progress of things now, it may be stated that where Mr. Geggie first laboured there are now three flourishing congregations under ministers connected with the Canada Presbyterian Church, and another connected with the Established Church of Scotland.

Mr. Geggie having been led by circumstances to leave Megantic, was intending to return to Scotland. But on conferring with friends in Quebec, he was led to connect himself with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland. He had less reluctance to take this step, from observing the tokens of spiritual revival and progress in the Church of Scotland, and from the conviction which he had, that, if there was a door open, it was his duty to remain in Canada, where there was great destitution of the means of grace. Having been received by the Presbytery of Quebec, he was sent to supply Val Cartier, and soon received a call to become the pastor of that congregation. The people were poor, but the congregations in Quebec generously aided them in sustaining a minister.

Here Mr. Geggie laboured with great acceptance, until the disruption, when adhering, as he felt himself conscientiously constrained to do, to the party who separated from the Establishment, he felt himself under the necessity of leaving Val Cartier, as the church there was firmly bound to the Established Church. He proceeded to Canada west, and after preaching for some time to congregations in Edwardsburgh, gathered together by that indefatigable pioneer, the Rev. Dr. Boyd, he was called by the people of Edwardsburgh, and was inducted there in January, 1846. With his characteristic diligence and devotedness he entered on all the duties of the pastoral office, preaching frequently, visiting and catechising from house to house, and striving to advance the cause of God in the locality. He was here as elsewhere faithful in the administration of the discipline of the church, and this, not unfrequently, raised up difficulties, which less strict pastors might not have experienced.

After labouring in Edwardsburgh for upwards of nine years, Mr. Geggie removed to Dalhousie. Here his labours were scarcely less than they had been in Edwardsburgh. But Mr. Geggie was not one to be easily daunted. Ere long, however, his health began to give way, and after having been engaged in the pastoral work in Dalhousie for six and a half years, he found himself under the necessity of resigning his charge. He then returned to Edwardsburgh, and after some months to Spencerville, where he had many attached friends. His disease, dropsy, continued to make progress, so that after he removed to Spencerville he was never able to go out. His last sermon was preached, before he removed to Spencerville, on the last Sabbath of August last, from Mark 1.15 "The time is fulfilled, repent ye, and believe the Gospel." He maintained perfect resignation to the will of God, and was habitually in a happy and cheerful frame of mind. He died on the 3rd January, leaving a wife and eight children to mourn his removal. We trust that God will be found to be a husband to the widow, and a father to the fatherless. Mr. Geggie had many attached friends in the several fields which he occupied, and all who knew him, regarded him as