

and knocking at their door asking to be received to dwell with them for ever. Thus he laboured until increasing infirmities laid him aside. He died at Elmsdale on the 22nd of February, 1865. Mr. Martin preached at Truro the sermon before the first Kirk Presbytery, which was constituted in the colony. He did much missionary labour, especially in the Western counties and had the satisfaction of seeing four congregations formed in Halifax before the year 1844, three of them in the city and one in Dartmouth. Besides one at Lunenburg, one at Shelburne and another at Cornwallis, when we remember that he also conducted a semi-religious paper, the Halifax Guardian, for some years, and when that paper was discontinued, started the Monthly Record in 1853—a journal which has been maintained ever since—we cannot fail to see before us no ordinary man. The Colonial Committee, in their report to the General Assembly in 1865, allude to Mr. Martin's services in these terms: "Throughout a long life the ardour of his attachment to the parent Church, was balanced by his unswerving constancy and crowned by a measure of professional activity which may be justly considered prodigious, undeterred by any distance of place, inconvenience or fatigue. He was unwearied and incessantly employed in the Father's business. Of few men since the days of the Apostle could it be more truly said, than of John Martin, that he was 'instant in season and out of season.' He was born and brought up in the Relief Church at home, but found that Church too narrow for his broad Christian views, and when prepared to enter the field of labour he preferred to do so under the wider and warmer canopy of the Established Church, and a more devoted and faithful servant could scarcely be found in the ranks of her sons. His weak side lay in his readiness to undertake too much, even the impossible. His own comfort and the results on himself seemed never to enter his thoughts nor give him any anxiety. I write what I do know and it