

man's sojourn to Halifax came to an end, and in June, 1820, he left Halifax in ill health, and shortly after died in Baltimore.

Shortly thereafter, Oct., 1820, the Rev. John Burns, a Licentiate of the Church of Scotland, being in Halifax, was invited by the "New Presbyterian Church on Barrington street" to preach. He did so, and with much acceptance. At once they desired him to become their pastor, but not having been ordained, he could not discharge the full duties of the office. Application was at once made to Rev. Dr. Gray and the Rev. Mr. Knox, the ministers of St. Matthew's, for coöperation in securing ordination for Mr. Burns. Coöperation was refused. Exchange was effected with Dr. Burns, then of St. Andrew's, St. John, for two months, who endeavoured to procure ordination for his namesake, Mr. Burns, in Halifax, but also without success. During the residence of Dr. Burns, of St. John, in Halifax, the "New Presbyterian" congregation entered into connection with the Church of Scotland, terming itself "St. Andrew's." Mr. Burns not obtaining ordination, and his health having failed, his connection with the congregation ceased.

What was then to be done? There seemed to be no hope of accomplishing anything on this side the Atlantic; so the congregation wisely entered into communication with the Church at home. A letter, accompanied with a call and bond for salary, was sent to the Rev. Dr. Davidson, Dr. Andw. Thompson, and Sir Henry Moncrief, requesting them to procure the services of a minister for one year, on condition of his passage being paid out and back, provided either his services were not desired beyond the year, or he did not desire to remain. The result was that the Rev. John Martin was appointed, ordained and sent out. He sailed from Leith Aug. 26, 1821, and arrived in Halifax on the 10th of October following. Shortly after his arrival a call was presented to him, this time requesting him to become the fixed and settled pastor, which call he at once accepted. Mr. Martin's incumbency marks an epoch not only in the history of the congregation of St. Andrew's, but also in the history of the Church. No life could show a more

varied history. At one time his congregation overflowed the capacity of his church; at another time it was on the verge of extinction. At one time Mr. Martin was the champion of Protestantism, and at another time we find him almost on the eve of imprisonment for debt. To him Halifax owes much. The quiet rest of the Lord's day, now fortunately broken only by the rude and unnecessary firing of the mid-day gun on the citadel, we owe to the exertions of Mr. Martin. Libraries which now, though poor, are the only ones we have, we owe to the same good man's life. He had his weaknesses. These came on in the evening of his day. Who is perfect? "Let him that standeth take heed lest he fall." This was a man of no common parts, and had he lived in a country where biography was read and where books were bought, a "Memoir of the Rev. John Martin" would be written and widely read. "He rests from his labours and his works follow him."

The successors of Mr. Martin are three: Rev. George Boyd, now in Scotland; and he in turn was succeeded by the Rev. Charles M. Grant, B. D., now in India, who again was succeeded by the present pastor, the Rev. John Campbell.

The Rev. Mr. Campbell concluded his sermon by urging on the congregation to support the Trustees in their present wise, judicious and good policy of "no debt." Debt he characterized as "a millstone about the neck of a congregation." He also urged the necessity of spiritual activity among the membership of the congregation. This to be manifested by regularity of attendance at every service in the church, to give help in the prayer-meeting, and to push on vigorously the work of the Sunday-school.

It was unfortunate that a severe fall of snow commenced early in the afternoon, which continued with unabated fury till a late hour at night. Nevertheless, a large congregation assembled at 7 o'clock to hear the last sermon in the old building. Had the night been fine, the church would have been filled to overflowing. Even with the severe storm raging outside, when the Rev. George M. Grant entered the pulpit the