

liberty and order, as well as for purity of doctrine and faithfulness of discipline. He became a communicant under Dr. Andrew Thomson's ministry, and has been to the end a member of St. George's congregation.

It was no doubt due to the careful examination he made at this time of the history and of the doctrinal standards of the Church of Scotland, that he became so admirably qualified for publicly defending, with a special intelligence, the principles of the Free Church, in addresses which are of permanent value, and which it is to be hoped may be still available. The latest statement he made on this subject was within the past year, in an admirable preface to the "Disruption Worthies," a book on which he set a high value, and in the preparation of which he took a warm and even active interest.

With all this firmness and force of view as to the unassailable position of the Free Church, no one ever heard him say an unkindly word of other Churches, or express any wish regarding them except the ardent desire that they might faithfully proclaim the gospel and gather in the outcast.

Great as is the loss which our Free Church generally has sustained, the departure of Lord Ardmillan falls with special force upon the Kirk-Session of St. George's, which, within the last few years, has lost Dr. Candlish, Mr. Murray Dunlop, Mr. Sherriff Jameson, and Mr. Patrick Dalmahoy.

Lord Ardmillan was one of three survivors who were ordained as elders of St. George's before the Disruption. Between Dr. Candlish and him the tie of friendship was peculiarly strong. They had been fellow-students at Glasgow University, and the renewal of their intercourse as pastor and elder was a great joy to both of them: the elder waiting with intense interest and delight upon that marvellous ministry—and the minister leaning with the utmost confidence for brotherly counsel and help upon the devoted friend and elder. On one of the last days of Dr. Candlish's life they parted with an expression of the sure hope of a blessed reunion.

Lord Ardmillan's services to the session and congregation generally were varied and important. His time was so occupied that he could not undertake all the duties of the eldership, nor attend all the meetings of the Session; but his advice and aid were always to be had, and his sympathy in the whole work of the congregation was warm and practical. When the question of securing a suitable colleague to Dr. Candlish was necessarily raised by the failure of Dr. Dyke's health—now happily restored—it was Lord Ardmillan who suggested the name of Mr. Whyte; and all the Church knows how his confident anticipations of the success of the appointment have been abundantly realized. It may be said that Lord Ardmillan was at the call of the young men of the congregation, in