

will be very much missed by his fellow-directors, especially at the meetings of the important Standing Committee on Agency and Colportage, where his long experience, as well as the time and thought given to the interests of the Society, was of great value. He will also be greatly missed in connexion with the Ketchum Trust, as he was one of the original Trustees, to whom Mr. Ketchum at first conveyed the property, and he knew the liberal donor's views and wishes so well. As a member of the Joint Committee of the two Societies on the care of the premises, he has for several years been urging upon the Directors the necessity of improvements. When the time comes, as soon it must, that either extensive improvements or a new building must be undertaken, his knowledge of property, his influence with the business men of our city, and his keen interest in the matter would have been of the greatest assistance. But we must not repine; our loss is his gain, and our Heavenly Father cannot make a mistake. He knows the right time to take each of his servants to the heavenly mansions, and it must be the right time not only for that particular saint, but also for every real interest of the church on earth.

Mr. McCord had been a Vice-President of the Society since 1864, and had first become a Director in 1837. But he more than once related to the writer an incident which took place at a public Bible Society meeting, at which he was present, soon after his arrival from the old country, so that it is most likely that he was a member fifty years ago, and probably a contributor to the Parent Society or to the Hibernian Bible Society before leaving Ireland.

He was born in Belfast, on the 12th of July, 1805, and was educated at the Belfast Academical Institution. When twenty-six years of age he came to this country and settled in this city, which, however, did not become a city until about three years after, when he became its first Treasurer, a position which he occupied for over forty years with great credit to himself and benefit to the financial credit of the city. All along he has been a helper and promoter of almost every movement for the physical, moral, or spiritual welfare of the people. He was for seventeen years Secretary of the Upper Canada Tract Society, and himself a practical tract distributor. He was one of the earliest advocates in Toronto of total abstinence. He was one of the first among the older members of the churches to take an interest in, and give hearty encouragement to the Toronto Young Men's Christian Association. He was one of Dr. Wilson's first and most useful supporters in starting the Newsboys' Lodging, and gave much time in helping to find for it a local habitation, when it was in real danger of being strangled by the unwillingness of every body to rent property for such a purpose. He was for years Treasurer of the Evangelical Alliance, and himself one of the happiest examples of its Catholic spirit. To name the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society, the House of Industry and other institutions, of which he was not merely an ornamental committee man, but to which he conscientiously gave time and thought, would be to write a list reminding one of the numerous titles of