

Christ as he felt, and continued to feel, I do believe, as long as he was capable of feeling. For blessed, and only blessed are they, who love Christ, and whose hope is founded upon Him.

It was a mournful spectacle, the bodily and mental decline of this good and valuable man: a decline which proceeded till only the elements of his original character remained, his devotional temper, his domestic affections, his genuine kindness and courtesy. These continued with him to the last. And it was striking to observe, and not without a lesson to those entrusted with the teaching and training of the youthful mind, how in the "deepening twilight of his powers," when he could indulge no longer in moral and metaphysical speculations, when he was incapable of comprehending the most elementary principle of geometry or arithmetic, and the pages of classic literature, with which he had been familiar, had entirely faded from his remembrance,—the words of Divine Truth still dwelt in his mind; and it was still possible to draw from him the petitions of the prayer which Christ taught His Disciples, or the verses of the twenty-third Psalm in that simple version which is sacred in the associations of every Scottish Churchman. Surely it is good that that, which was best, remained the longest. And it is wise to lay up in the mind *first* that which is *best*.

But, if his gradual decline was a spectacle mournful to his friends, it was not, we may be sure, without its use. It is reasonable to believe that in the arrangements of the Divine Providence it answered important ends to himself. It gave opportunity for a most touching and impressive exhibition of devotedness in the aged partner of his life. And it emphatically called on all, while in the full exercise of their powers, to give heed to the things which concern their everlasting peace, instant and immediate heed, since, even before this life comes to an end, it may altogether cease to be available in order to a preparation for the life eternal.

That call, Brethren, I would now repeat to you and to myself. Now is the accepted time and the day of salvation. Oh! let us each say with our Great Lord, "I must work the work of Him, who sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work." And let us cherish, through the faith of Christ, the blessed conviction, that, though "the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."—*Quebec Morning Chronicle*.

To the Editor of the Presbyterian.

SIR—The accompanying communication, having been left by my Rev. Brethren to me to prepare and forward to you, would have been more ample, had it not been for an occurrence in Providence intervening which prevented.

Having been appointed to supply the vacant pulpit on the 15th inst., I had proceeded on the day previous about a third of the distance, when, being taken severely ill, I was under the painful necessity of retracing my steps to seek medical aid in my own dwelling; in consequence of which I had not the opportunity, for which I had hoped, of collecting such facts and incidents as would have rendered this notice more valuable and interesting. Under the influence of some remaining indisposition I now write to you, and I regret that this communication, relative to so good and useful a Minister as Mr. Dickey, should have been so imperfect. That God may watch over his bereaved family and flock, and send them "a Pastor after His own heart" to

be an abundant blessing among them, is the sincere and earnest prayer of

Yours, &c.,

ISAAC PURKIS.

Osnabruck, June 19, 1851.

THE LATE REV. JOHN DICKEY.

On the 24th day of May, 1851, died at his residence, North Williamsburgh, the Rev. John Dickey, the highly esteemed Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in that Township, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, after a very painful illness, which he endured with much Christian patience and resignation, during five months.

In the prime of his days in human view, his Divine Master was pleased in His inscrutable wisdom to call him to his reward, a reward not of debt but of grace.

On the 28th of May his remains were followed to the "house, appointed for all the living," by a very large number of his mourning congregation, together with an immense assemblage of the inhabitants "of the region round about," who by their attendance manifested their high respect for the Christian character and evangelical labours of the servant of the Redeemer, called to enter into the joy of his Lord.

His highly respected friend and brother in the Ministry, The Rev. Mr. Anderson, South Gower, officiated in the family and at the grave, and suitably expressed the thanks of the bereaved family and friends to the surrounding concourse of mourners for their kind attention and sympathy on the solemn occasion.

The whole multitude then retired to the church, where they were met by three members of the Presbytery of Glengarry, to which he belonged, viz. the Rev. Mr. Urquhart, of Cornwall, the Rev. Mr. M'Laurin, of Martintown, and the Rev. Isaac Purkis, of Osnabruck, who, on account of the unfavourable weather and bad roads, had but just arrived from their distant places of abode.

So many of the vast multitude as could press into the spacious building being seated, the Rev. Mr. M'Laurin with singing, and a solemn and appropriate prayer, led the devotions of the congregation.

The Rev. Mr. Urquhart preached an excellent discourse, well adapted to the improvement of the solemn event, from the words of the Apostle; "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

After which the Rev. Mr. Purkis at the urgent request of his brethren in an address expressed his own sorrow and that of his Presbytery for the mournful occurrence which had removed for ever his nearest brother in the Ministry, who had with fraternal affection preached his last sermon in his pulpit at Osnabruck on the Saturday preparatory to the Sacra-

ment in December last, whence he returned immediately after, to lie down on his own bed, from which he arose no more. Mr. Purkis also endeavoured to express his own sympathy, and that of his co-presbyters, with the bereaved widow and fatherless children—with the widow'd congregation, left as sheep having no shepherd, and exhorted them to unite in fervent and persevering prayer to the Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls to send them a pastor after His own heart to feed them with knowledge and understanding and teach them the fear of the Lord—one whose faithful labours and success should call forth the sincere regards of the congregation, the Presbytery and the whole neighbourhood, and their united, fervent praises to the Giver of all good, as had, already, the estimable character, and the useful career, of his Predecessor, and whose beneficent exertions, through the goodness of God, had extended through so many years.

The Presbytery of Glengarry met and was duly constituted.

*Inter alia*—The Presbytery, having received intimation of the death of Mr. John Dickey, one of their co-presbyters, who departed this life on the 24th day of May last, would take this opportunity, while recording the death of their deceased Brother, to record their deep sympathy with the bereaved widow and family; commending them affectionately to the grace and consolation of their Heavenly Father; and with the congregation of Williamsburgh, who have been deprived, in the wise counsel of God, of their pastor, their guide, and their faithful friend for nearly seventeen years.

The Presbytery would further express and record, as they hereby do, their warm sense of the worth, and usefulness, and sincere and humble piety of Mr. Dickey; and of the regard which they individually entertained for him as a man and a Christian; and their deep regret at the loss which this Presbytery and the Church have sustained by his death.

The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to transmit a copy of the above Minute to Mrs. Dickey. Extracted from the "Records of the Presbytery of Glengarry" by

THOMAS M' PHERSON,  
*Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.

In the church of Finch, the 19th day of December, 1850, the Presbytery of Glengarry met for the purpose of inducting the Rev. Donald Monro, their Missionary, to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Finch. There was a full attendance both of Ministers and Elders present.

The edict of Mr. Donald Monro having been returned duly served, the Officer was directed to go to the most patent door of the church to give due notice to