

too liberally to the cause of Christ! Pleasure has its martyrs; lust has its martyrs; vanity and pride count their martyrs by myriads; where are the martyrs of Christian Liberality! Thousands spend their last shilling on strong drink for one who gives his last shilling to the Lord Jesus.

3. What we have said of individuals may with equal emphasis be affirmed of churches. Do not content yourselves with paying the minister's salary. Give liberally to *all* the schemes of the church. Neglect none. A church was never yet impoverished or destroyed by benevolence. Trust in the Lord; for if it is worth your while doing anything for Him it is worth your while doing *all*. If it is worth while paying the minister's salary it is worth while paying the missionary's salary—the professor's salary—the student's bursary—all, in short, that goes directly or indirectly to sustain or extend the Gospel.

4. Our Church needs the cordial and united exercise of the benevolence of all her members and adherents. We have not yet adequate endowments for our Colleges. We have no provision for the support or assistance of poor Students. We have no Ministers' Widows' Fund. Our Home and Foreign Missions need the constant incoming of fresh and large supplies. Great is the work to be done; yet by God's help, we can and must do it. Pray and labour, and give of your substance with a devout and cheerful heart and God will bless you in time and in eternity.

THE LATE REV. PETER GORDON.

[We have much pleasure in laying before our readers the following sketch of one of the *Fathers* of the Church. We need scarcely add that it is from the pen of the talented author of the *LIFE OF DR. MCGREGOR*.]

THE subject of this sketch was born at Carreston, in the neighbourhood of Brechin, in the year 1775. His father was factor on an estate there, but having a very large family, was unable to afford his son, any higher education than that which John Knox by his Parish School system has made the heritage of every Scotchman. He received at the hands of his parents who were members of the congregation of Brechin, in connexion with the General Associate, or Antiburgher Synod, that pious domestic training which is characteristic of Scottish Presbyterianism. Most of our readers are aware how common it is in families of the middle and lower ranks of society in Scotland, to dedicate one son to the work of the ministry, or at least to give him the scholarship suited to that office, and many also know what toils and privations are cheerfully endured for that object. Such however was not the lot of Mr. Gordon. In early life neither he nor his parents seem to have contemplated either that he should seek a classical education, or that his life should be devoted to the work of the ministry. Accordingly after leaving school he was apprenticed to the weaving trade, at which he continued for several years, we believe fulfilling the whole term of his apprenticeship, and afterward following the business on his own account.

From this employment he was diverted in the following manner. For several years Dr. McGregor had been labouring as a missionary of the General Associate Synod in Pictou, without the aid of any ministerial brother. Under these circumstances his appeals to the Synod at home for fellow labourers were urgent and pressing. In the year 1792 he sent home one letter more urgent than any before. At the meeting of Synod in the