

an able and appropriate sermon and Dr. McLeod conducted the ordination services. Mr. Farquharson is the first minister ordained over this congregation, and we congratulate the people of Leitch's Creek on securing the services of a settled pastor.—May the Head of the Church abundantly bless Pastor and People!

We are confident that an effort on the part of ministers and elders would add largely to our circulation. A minister writing to us recently states that he presented the claims of the *Record* very successfully at the close of his prayer-meetings at all the stations in his congregation. This is a course which might be very advantageously pursued by others.

Elders also should feel a responsibility in connection with the circulation of the *Record*. It is of vital importance that all the members and adherents of the Church should be familiar with the work, the progress and the responsibilities of the church. We state with regret our conviction that our Elders have not troubled themselves to the extent they ought in diffusing intelligence among the body of the people. It happens that all or nearly all our circulation in several congregations is owing to the exertions of young men who hold no office in the church. This is very creditable to the young men, but not so to the older members of the church whose hand should be in every good work.

As was stated in the January number, we have issued an unusually large edition, so as meet what we hope will be an unusually large circulation.

OBITUARY.—The commencement of another year brought as usual its joyous greetings and festal pleasures, but alas also its painful parting and heartfelt sorrows. The 1st of January witnessed the removal from earth among others of Mr. John Yorston of Pictou after a short illness, aged 73 years. We extract the following notice of him from the local paper.

Mr Yorston was a native of Evie, Orkney, Scotland. In early life he entered the service of the Hudson Bay Company, and was resident in their territory for three years, whence he returned to Scotland but soon

after emigrated to Nova Scotia. He arrived here in May 1816, and, seven years afterwards, entered upon his commercial career, which, though it had thus well nigh accomplished its forty third year was throughout, remarkable for its ability, integrity and success.

The architect of his own fortune, Mr. Yorston early secured, and consistently maintained, a highly honorable place among the mercantile classes, being justly held in high repute for strict probity, in all his dealings, close application to business, and prudent pursuit of worldly prosperity.

As a member of the community, he was not less distinguished for his large hearted sympathies, which sought out and relieved, "the poor and needy," and for his affectionate and considerate encouragement to the youth trained in his establishment, or otherwise brought under his influence.

As a member of the Presbyterian Church of N. S., and latterly of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of B. N. A. he was universally esteemed as highly noteworthy, for the frequency and liberality of his pecuniary gifts, not only towards the maintenance of public ordinances, in his own congregation, (Prince St. Church, Pictou) in which for many years he acted as trustee and manager, but also to all the schemes of of the Church, at home and abroad.

In private life, he was greatly endeared to all his christian acquaintances, by his deep and unaffected piety, his conscientious and firm attachment to religious principle, as well as his cheerful dedication of worldly substance to religious purposes, and wide spread charities: in which he uniformly sought to comply with the injunction, "let not the left hand know what the right hand doeth." And while it may be truthfully said, that he has not left one enemy behind, he has certainly left many friends to lament their loss in his decease.

The testimony of all those who knew him and chiefly of those who knew him best, would find suitable expression in these words of inspiration, "He was worthy."

We are happy to learn, that Mr. Yorston in his will exhibited the liberality which characterise him through life. We understand that he has left the following legacies to religious purposes; To the British and Foreign Bible Society \$4000, to the Foreign Mission of our church \$2000; to the Home Mission \$2000; to the Theological Seminary \$2000; to the Prince Street congregation of which he was a member \$2000.