

The death of this good man struck us as a bolt from Heaven. His services had been so indispensable to the Church, his life so useful and so exemplary, and his writings so excellent, that we had thought that surely many days and increasing usefulness were in store for him; but alas! it is the best of times that are called off first, and their good works remain that we may imitate them; so it was here. It would be unpardonable if the Maritime Provinces were to be oblivious of the memory of the departed, for for 11 years he officiated as minister of Bathurst, New Brunswick; and then his memory was fragrant for zeal in his Master's cause and labours of love. Like many other ministers who prefer fidelity to favour in these Colonies, he had trials to encounter; but he won respect by his consistency, and an imperishable fame by ever following what is right. We can yet remember one of his letters from New Brunswick, calling for labourers to the colonies, and quoting Brainard's experience among the Delaware Indians, as an example to those who shunned labour and preferred ease at home, for Mr. McDonnell was truly patriotic, and sought the good of the Church in preference to his own. He also wrote in the Edinburgh *Christian Magazine* an account of the Colonial ministry, clear, succinct and reliable. But his principal works were: "Heathen converts to the worship of the God of Israel," dedicated to Prof. Wilson; and his "Aids to Communion" and "Manual for Seamen." These testify to his labours and his desire to be useful. Indeed all his productions, as with his life, were with a view to the benefit of his fellow-men. The Church may have had more eloquent orators, but few more sincere, enlightened and consistent men, whose lives more honoured the sacred profession. His strict temperance, his purity, his benevolence, made him respected and beloved by all that knew him, while in his family government he was eminently wise, prudent, and successful. Principle characterized all his doings, and his children who have come to honour live to show the happy fruit of early religious training.

Mr. McDonnell was in his pulpit three weeks before he died,—on that Sabbath he had a fainting fit, and was conveyed home. In eight weeks thereafter he departed peacefully to join the General Assembly of the Church above. If ever, we think, in his case, Montgomery's lines are applicable:

"Servant of God! well done,
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy." A. W. H.

Notice.

The following supplements may be drawn for on August 1st, for the half year then ending, the receipts being at the same time forwarded to the Treasurer, Alex. Jardine, Esq., St. John, N.B.; or if preferred, the Treasurer will forward the amount on his receiving the proper receipt:

Truro, Halifax Presbytery, £10 stg.
P. E. I. Presbytery, £20 stg.
Rev. P. Keay, St. Andrew's, £25 stg.
Rev. W. Fogo, Nashwaak, £25 stg.
Rev. P. Melville, Fredericton, £40 stg.
Rev. J. Robertson, Tabusintac, £25 stg.

Extracted from Minutes of H. M. Board meeting, held June 28th, 1871.

GEORGE GRANT, *Convener.*

N. B.—The amount for P. E. I. Presbytery is to be drawn by the Clerk. The amount certified by the Pictou Presbytery for supplements has been paid to the Clerk of Presbytery.

As the accounts for the year ending August 1st, were made up in N. S. cy. or stg., the amounts have to be drawn as usual in that form. Hereafter they will be in Dominion cy. G. M. G.

Mr. WILLIAM H. BAULD, of the Argyle House, 119 Granville St., has consented to act as Treasurer of the Halifax Presbytery Home Mission Fund—to whom all sums of money collected for the Presbytery's Home Mission purposes must be sent hereafter from the local Treasurers.

Errata.

In last number of the *Record*, on page 150, second column, second and third lines, for "monied men of St. Andrew's," read "moneyed men of St. Matthew's."

The name of Rev. D. McRae was unintentionally left out of the minutes of last meeting of Presbytery.

Cape Breton.

Messrs. Fraser and McMillan have been appointed a deputation to visit C. B., during three Sabbaths of September, and one of October, their pulpits to be supplied in their absence.