

longed ardently for the reunion of all Presbyterians, as a thing good in itself and as the best means of checking an arrogant prelatic spirit. All his life he was connected with St. Matthew's Church, and for many years was Chairman of the Trustees, succeeding the late William Murdoch in the office. He has left by will \$1000 to the Trustees to aid in paying the debt on the Church. He has left beside considerable sums to charitable Institutions. He was an honest man, a Christian full of feeling, conscious of his own infirmities, and resting humbly and wholly on his Saviour. His end was peace.

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### *For the Monthly Record.*

#### Presbytery Deputation to River John.

According to the instructions of Presbytery with the view of giving effect to the injunctions of Synod, and the Lay Association, the convener for the western part of the Presbytery notified a deputation to attend a meeting of the River John Congregation to be held on the 25th Dec. Owing to unavoidable circumstances, none of the deputation save the convener, appeared. After devotional exercises the financial state of the congregation was examined into, with, on the whole, very satisfactory results. Though but a young and comparatively weak congregation, they have not only built a handsome church, now free of debt, but also a comfortable and commodious manse, the debt of which is becoming small and "beautifully less" every year, and will it is hoped, be soon entirely liquidated. In addition to these burdens which they have voluntarily taken upon themselves and which they have borne with very great credit to themselves, and as a fitting example to others, they raise nearly \$400 per annum for their excellent and esteemed pastor, besides contributing liberally to the Schemes of the Church. They have had the Lay Association in operation for some time, though for want of a little attention it has of late flagged a little; but there was little or no difficulty in kindling their former enthusiasm and eliciting resolves that young men or maidens would cheerfully resume the duties of collectors, and that no niggard hand would respond to their quarterly calls. The meeting was a pleasant one, and we hope and trust that the collections for the Lay Association may bear testimony to the sincerity of the heartiness which made our meeting so pleasant.

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#### WALLACE.

We are glad to learn that since the calamity which destroyed nearly the whole of Mr. Anderson's personal property, &c., his congregation have endeavored to make up his loss. The members of other denominations have not been less liberal. Some kind friends in Halifax have also, through the Rev. Messrs. Grant, gave handsome donations. The Wallace Division, of the Sons of Temperance, have very generously lent a willing hand. On the evening of Monday, 30th December, a deputation of ladies waited on Mr. Anderson and presented him with a purse of dollars. The following is the Address and Reply:

DEAR SIR:—

We the undersigned having been chosen by the Committee on behalf of the "Wallace Division," of the "Sons of Temperance," have great pleasure in presenting to the "Rev. Mr. Anderson" the contents of the accompanying purse, as an expression of sympathy and affection to their beloved Chaplain," on account of the recent calamity he has sustained in having his residence, together with a large portion of his property, destroyed by fire.

Mr. Anderson and Lady will accept the best wishes of every member of the "Division" for their future happiness and prosperity.

E. MCKAY,

V. M. JOHNSON,

M. A. O'BRIEN.

Wallace, Dec. 30, 1867.

WALLACE, 30th Dec., 1867.

DEAR LADIES,—Since I came to Wallace I have received many tokens of kindness and generosity, both from my own congregation and the members of the general community; but since the accident which deprived me of the largest part of my property, the practical sympathy I have experienced is beyond expression, my material loss has been considerable, but my moral gain far exceeds it.

Allow me to tender you my heartfelt thanks, and, through you, every member and lady visitor of the Division, for the valuable and considerate gift. I prize it on account of its intrinsic value but far more as an expression of good will, and I shall ever hold it in grateful remembrance.

Accept also my gratitude for your kind wishes for Mrs. Anderson.

I am yours, in L. P. F.,

JAMES ANDERSON.