

tained a very wide circulation. A choir of select voices, under a competent leader, is already preparing the vocal illustrations of the lecture. On Tuesday evening, Dr. Mullens will deliver a missionary lecture in the Bond Street Church, either on India or on Madagascar. The lecturer has not merely the knowledge of the subject acquired by correspondence with missionaries as Secretary of the Society, but was for many years himself a missionary, in Calcutta. He possesses, in a remarkable degree, the faculty of vivid description, while his views of missionary work are comprehensive and far-reaching. A season of great interest may therefore be expected. It will gratify the deputation to have friends from the region round about, rally in full force on the occasion.

F. H. MARLING.

Toronto, 24th September, 1870.

Obituary.

REV. G. STERLING.

A valued correspondent in St. John, N. B., sends us the following particulars of the life and labours of the Rev. G. Sterling, whose decease we chronicled last month:—

“Died at Keswick Ridge, New Brunswick, on Sunday morning, 7th of August, the Rev. George Sterling, pastor of the Congregational Church in that place, aged 73 years, after five weeks of intense suffering. Deceased was a native of Scotland. Of the early part of Mr. Sterling’s life the writer has not the information at the present time. Before he entered the Congregational ministry he performed missionary work in Nova Scotia, in connection with the Wesleyans, but not as an ordained minister. He was ordained pastor of the Congregational Church at Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, in the year 1843, the Rev. William Payzant preaching the ordination sermon. When the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick was first organized, Mr. Sterling was present, being then pastor of the Congregational Church at Pleasant River, N. S. In October, 1849, Mr. Sterling took charge of the church at Keswick Ridge, N. B., and from time to time visited the Welsh Church at Cardigan, some miles distant. During the twenty-one years of his pastorate, Mr. Sterling has had the confidence of his people, and has been much beloved and esteemed. During the last few years his health failed very much. In May last he was much agitated by the fires in the woods threatening his dwelling. A few weeks later he took ill, and on the 2nd of July was unable to attend the Church meeting, but on the following day (Sabbath) he received into Church fellowship two members. The last entry he made in his diary was on the 11th of July, as follows: “To-day, thank God, I am gaining strength. Dr. Brown calls to-night.” He was visited with a severe stroke of palsy, and was unable to write again. He was visited frequently during his illness by the Rev. T. Dowling, an episcopal minister. An officer of the church states, that although suffering much pain, he was resigned completely to the will of the Lord. It was a frequent saying of Mr. S. that he wished to die in harness, and his prayer was answered. He passed away from his earthly work and suffering on Sabbath morning, Aug. 7th, to enter the heavenly work above. The Rev. Mr. Melville, a Presbyterian minister, conducted the funeral services, using for the foundation of his remarks the words “Behold, he cometh with clouds,” Rev. i. 7. Thus lived and died a devoted servant of the Master.—J. W.

MR. JOHN ROAF, Q. C.

One of the ablest and most eminent members of the Chancery Bar of this Province, Mr. John Roaf, Q. C., has been called to his account at the early